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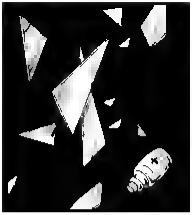
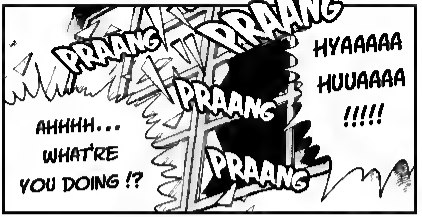
HE'S SUFFERED A LIGHT CONCUSSION
HMM
WHAT'S YOUR REASON FOR BEATING UP THE PERSON WHO HAS TAKEN CARE OF YOU ???
WHAT KIND OF HUMAN BEING ARE YOU !!?
HIS NOSE AND MOUTH ARE BADLY INJURED..
YES
REALLY WEIRD !!!
I NEED BETTER OPPONENTS
IF IT'S ONLY NISHI IT STILL WON'T DO ME ANY GOOD
WHAT ???
I'M STILL NOT SATISFIED
TOO BAD NISHI

YOU ...
Y..
IT'S JUST USELESS !!!
I CAN'T UNLEASH THE ANGER FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART
I REALLY HAVE TO MASTER THE SECRET OF FOR TOMORROW LESSON 3...
SINCE HE'S MY FRIEND
I CAN'T GO ALL OUT AGAINST NISHI..
WE MUSN'T LEAVE THIS DANGEROUS HUMIN OUT LIKE THIS
LET'S JUST KICK HIM BACK TO THE INTROSPECTION CELL !!!
HE DOESN'T EVEN FEEL GUILTY ABOUT BEATING UP NISHI LIKE THAT - HE JUST KEEPS MUMBLING ABOUT NOT HAVING ENOUGH BOXING TRAINING ..
WHA.. WHAT'S HE SAYING..??
INTRO SPECTION CELL..
YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY COMPASSION AT ALL !!! GET UP !!!




PRAANG
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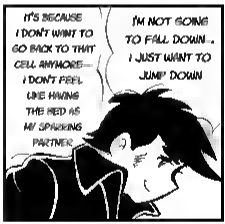
HYAAAAA
HUUAAAA
!!!!!
AHHHH...
WHAT'RE
YOU DOING !?

WHAT'S
WRONG
???
THAT'S
DANGEROUS
HUH
?
WE KEEP
HEARING
LOUD NOISES
FROM
INSIDE
THE CLINIC

PRAANG
PRAANG
HH
...
AH
...

YOU ...
WHY DO YOU WANT TO SEND ME BACK TO THE INTROSPECTION CELL WHEN THE TIME IS NEAR
INTROSPECTION CELL !? DON'T BE KIDDING ME.. THE BOXING MATCH IS IN A FEW DAYS
OUUHH ...
OUWW ...
SKET
EIT.- WHAT ARE YOU DOING..!!
DRUF
SET
THIS IS WHAT THE INMATES THAT DON'T LISTEN TO THE WARDENS GET !!!
PRANG
SET
OOUUU


IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO THAT CELL ANYMORE— I DON'T FEEL LIKE HAVING THE RED AS MY SPARRING PARTNER
I'M NOT GOING TO FALL DOWN.. I JUST WANT TO JUMP DOWN

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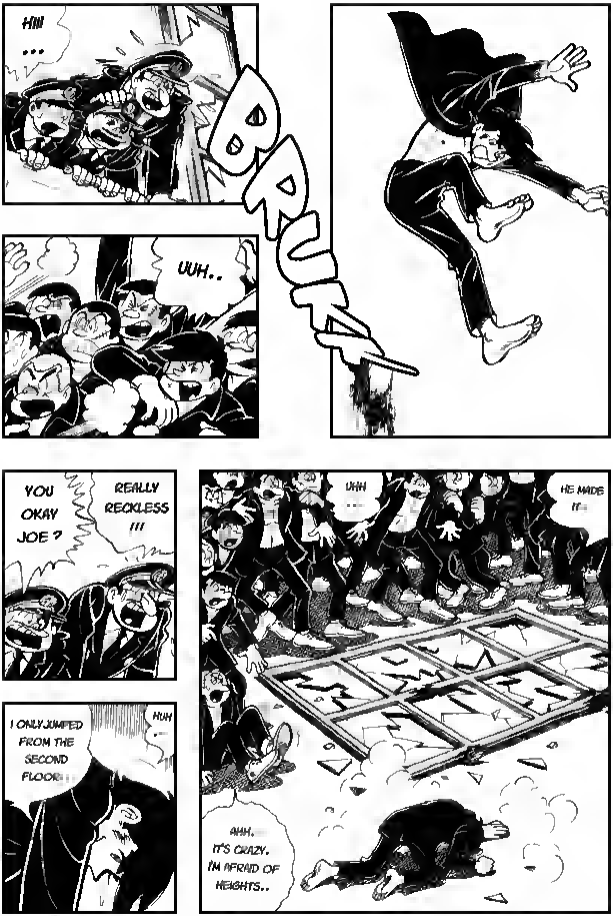
HM
...
BRUM
UUH..
YOU OKAY JOE ?
REALLY RECKLESS !!!
I ONLY JUMPED FROM THE SECOND FLOOR!!
HUH
UHH
...
HE MADE IT!!
AHH. IT'S CRAZY. I'M AFRAID OF HEIGHTS..

YOU ALL !!! GETT HIMM !!!!
CAPTURE HIM !!!
DAMN !!! WHY DO YOU KEEP DOING THINGS LIKE THIS !?
WEKK
I'M STILL FINE AS EVER !
THIS IS THE CHANCE TO BEAT HIM UP REAL BAD
OKAY ...
DA.. DAMN
MOVE !!!
HEH.. JUST TRY IT ! CATCH ME IF YOU CAN
BUAKK!
YEAAHHH FINISH HIM OFF !!!
COME ON GUYS.. LET'S FINISH HIM !!!!!
AFTER HIM !!!
HUUAAA WOOO
CAPTURE HIM AND BEAT HIM UP !!!

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CLINIC
I'M SURE THEY WILL TORTURE HIM..
LET'S CHASE HIM TOO ...
IF WE LEAVE THE CHASE TO THE INMATES THAT REALLY HATE HIM I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WILL DO WITH HIM
OH BAD ...
TAP
TAP
SOUND THE ALARM... TELL ALL THE WARDENS TO CATCH HIM !!!
THAT
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE WHEN WE WERE STILL AT THE REHABILITATION CENTER
WAS REALLY
PUNCH I RECEIVED..

ONE THING THAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT
BUT ...
JOE HAS BECOME A GREAT MAN
BUT I KNOW THIS ONE IS A SCARY PUNCH
I DON'T GET IT ...
IS ALSO SUFFERING FROM IT...
I CAN FEEL THAT JOE'S BODY...
EVERY TIME I THINK ABOUT THAT PUNCH FROM JOE...
HOW CAN YOU NOT FIND A BOY IN THIS SMALL PRISON WITH ONLY A FEW INMATES !?
WHATTT !!! YOU STILL CAN'T FIND HIM !!?? IDIOTTSS !!!
BRAKK
TUK TUK TUK
TUK
TUK TUK
ACTUALLY IT'S HIM WHO
NO ...
DID THOSE INMATES BEAT HIM UP REAL BAD ???
YOU FOUND JOE ???
THIS IS BAD CHIEF !!!
BLAMM

AT THE BACK OF THE CELL ON THE NORTH..
WHERE'S JOE ?
OVER HERE ...

WHHAATT ?????

HEY WHAT HAPPENED !!? WAKE UP !!!

THAT'S HIS FIRST VICTIM
FIRST ???

BUT SUDDENLY HE TURNED AND KNOCKED ME DOWN...

I ALMOST GRABBED JOE !
!..

WHERE'S THE NEXT ONE ?
QU.. QUICK !!! CALL THE DOCTOR !!!
THE SECOND VICTIM IS OVER THERE..

UHUK

HE'S THE FIFTH ONE
UUH..
THAT'S THE THIRD AND FOURTH VICTIM .
UUHH ...
UUH ...
AND NEXT ARE VICTIMS NUMBER SIX, SEVEN AND EIGHT...
HEYY JUST STOP THAT !!!
WHERE'S JOE NOW !!?
UUH ...
HE'S RIGHT OVER THERE !
AND THAT'S WHERE JOE IS..
WE WILL SOON REACH THE FIELD..
IF WE FOLLOW THESE VICTIMS THAT ARE LYING ON THE GROUND...

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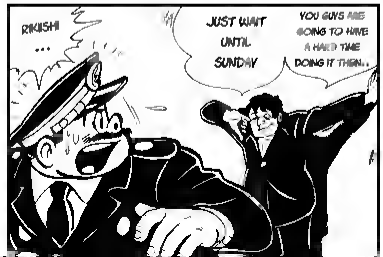
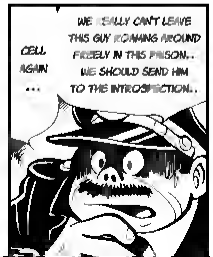
IT'S LIKE A DEADLY HURRICANE PASSING THROUGH..
TH.. THIS IS A REALLY SCARY SCENE...
OOHH THISS..
JAB
JAB
JAB
JAB

O.. OKAY.. A SPECIAL CASE THEN...
HOW ABOUT YOU LET THIS ONE OFF AS A SPECIAL CASE ?
I'M SURE SHE WILL BE DISAPPOINTED IF JOE'S NOT HERE
NEXT SUNDAY MISS YOKO WILL COME AND BRING THE BOXING EQUIPMENT RIGHT ?


RIKISHI ...
JUST WAIT UNTIL SUNDAY
YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO HAVE A HARD TIME DOING IT THEN..


CELL AGAIN ...
WE REALLY CAN'T LEAVE THIS GUY ROAMING AROUND FREELY IN THIS PRISON.. WE SHOULD SEND HIM TO THE INTROSPECTION..

THE FIRST AND SECOND VICTIMS OF JOE COULD STILL ANSWER..
DON'T YOU ALL SEE SOMETHING WEIRD HERE ?
WAIT A MINUTE
BUT THE FURTHER WE CAME THE VICTIMS COULDN'T EVEN ASNWER BACK AND WERE TOTALLY UNCONSCIOUS
WHAT'S WRONG DOCTOR ???
BUT THIS ONE IS COMPLETELY BACKWARDS
AND THE INJURIES THE FOLLOWING VICTIMS SUFFERED WOULDN'T BE AS BAD AS THE FIRST ONE SINCE THE POWER HAS LESSENED..
IN OTHER WORDS, IN A NORMAL INCIDENT LIKE THIS THE FIRST VICTIM WOULD BE HIT WITH ALL THE POWER..
OOH ...
HAH ???
...
THEY HAVE BEEN KNOCKED DOWN JUST LIKE SOME OLD RIPPED CLOTH..
THOSE VICTIMS HAVE SUFFERED A CONCUSSION WITH ONLY ONE PUNCH..
YES.. JUST LIKE YOU SAID..

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HIS COACH'S CONDITION WAS EVEN WORSE
HE WAS ALSO KNOCKED DOWN BUT..
THAT 20TH TIME
HIS DESTRUCTIVE POWER HAS BECOME EVEN STRONGER THAN BEFORE
HE GOT SOMETHING THERE..
SOMETHING HAPPENED AT THAT PLACE..
IF ONLY THIS SCENE WOULD HAPPEN AGAIN NEXT SUNDAY I WOULD BE REALLY HAPPY
HEHE . IF ONLY .
WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE ?
HEY WHAT'S WRONG RIKISHI..?
HUAHAHAHA HAHAHAHA HAHAHAHAHA
YOU GET WHAT I MEAN ???

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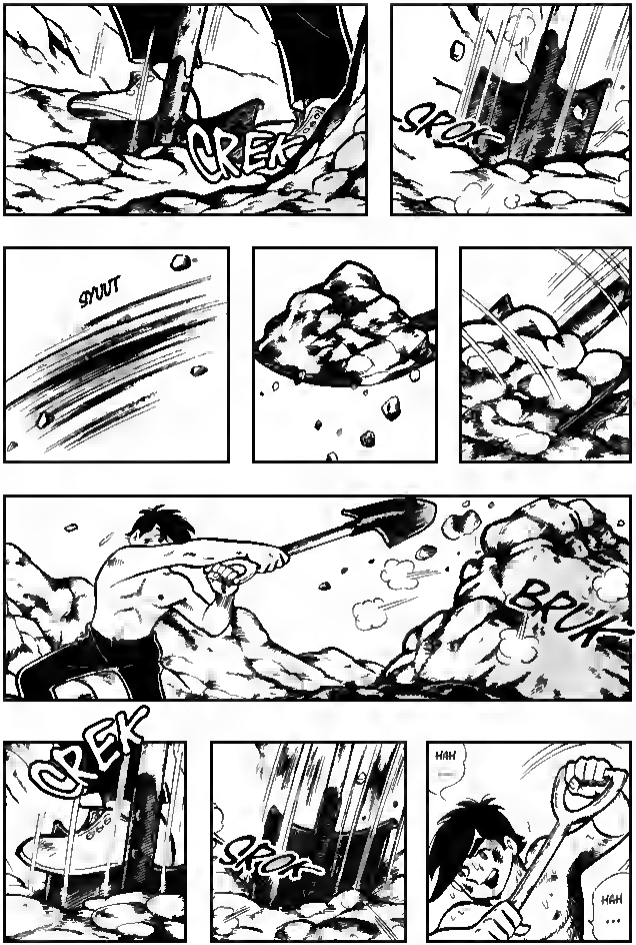
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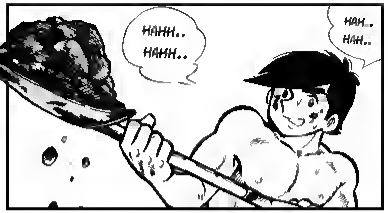
HAH ...


HAHH..
HAHH..
HAH..
HAH..

UUH
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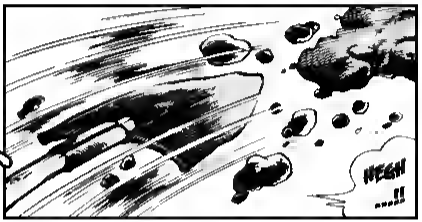
BRUK


HEGH
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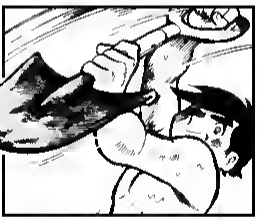
HUFF
...

SROK



HAH
HAHH
...

JUST WAIT..
DAMN

GRRR .....
HUH ...

JUST DO YOUR OWN WORK !!!
HEY WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU GUYS LOOKING AT !?

HUH... DAMN BASTARDS

HE'S GONNA CRUSH THAT TROUBLEMAKER...
RIKISHI, OUR CHAMPION..
YEAHH !!! CRUSH HIM.. GRIND HIM... STOMP HIM AND TEAR HIM INTO PIECES !!!
HUAA ...
KLANG
CLUNK

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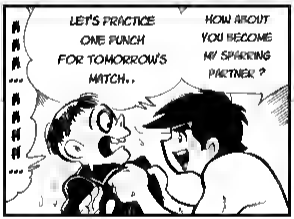
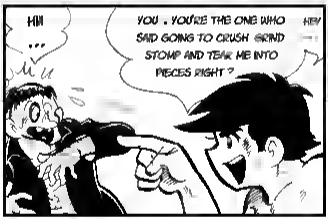
MY WORK HERE IS DONE
HOW COME YOU'RE ALL STILL WORKING ?
YOU GUYS TAKING IT EASY ?

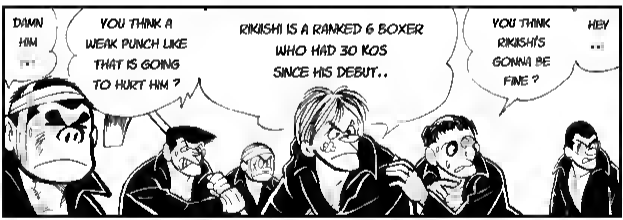

LET'S PRACTICE ONE PUNCH FOR TOMORROW'S MATCH..
HOW ABOUT YOU BECOME MY SPARRING PARTNER ?
AAA... AHHH...

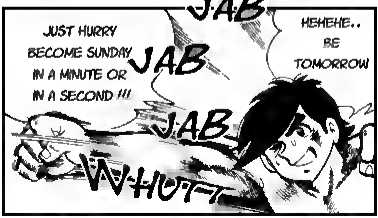

HM ...
YOU . YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID GOING TO CRUSH GRIND STOMP AND TEAR ME INTO PIECES RIGHT ?
HEY

HEY BOSS.. HOW ABOUT YOU ?

DON'T PLAY AROUND..
NO WAY ...

WANT TO BE MY PARTNER ???
HEY HOW ABOUT YOU ?
YOU KIDDING ME ???
HUH LIFE..!
I HANDED OVER YOUR LIFE TO RIKISHI ALREADY
I REFUSE ...
IS THAT SO ?
I STILL HAVE LOTS OF WORK TO DO HERE
NO ...
KRAK
IF YOU DISTURB OUR WORK WE WILL REPORT YOU TO THE WARDEN
IF YOU WANT TO PRACTICE JUST DO IT ALONE..
HUH !!!
HAVING PATHETIC GUYS LIKE YOU ALL AS PARTNERS !
IT WON'T BE ENOUGH ANYWAY..
FINE !!!
YOU ARE ALL LITTLE KIDS ... WEIGG
WE WILL REPORT YOU HUH !!!


DAMN HIM !!
YOU THINK A WEAK PUNCH LIKE THAT IS GOING TO HURT HIM ?
RIKUSHI IS A RANKED 6 BOXER WHO HAD 30 KOS SINCE HIS DEBUT..
YOU THINK RIKUSHI'S GONNA BE FINE ?
HEY ...



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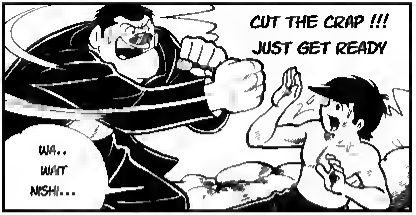
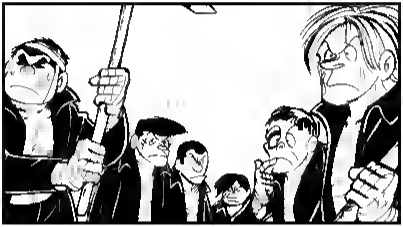
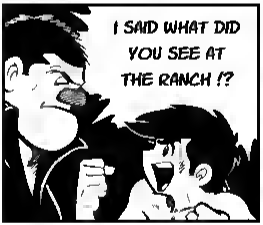
YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR WORK AT THE RANCH ?
NISHI ...
I BE YOUR SPARRING PARTNER JOE ?
HOW 'BOUT
I.. I WILL DO MY BEST TO BE YOUR OPPONENT
YES
IF YOU WANT ME TO BE SERIOUS I REALLY WILL DO IT...
SO IT'S BETTER FOR ME TO JUST TRAIN BY MYSELF
JAB
YOU WON'T BE SERIOUS IF YOU FIGHT ME
HUH.. NO WAY !
JAB
I'M NOT THE KIND OF GUY WHO HOLDS A GRUDGE JUST OVER BEING BEATEN UP LIKE THAT !
DON'T BE MISTAKEN !!!!
NISHI.. ARE YOU STILL MAD AT ME OVER WHAT HAPPENED IN THE CLINIC ?
PREPARE YOURSELF JOE !
HEY !!!

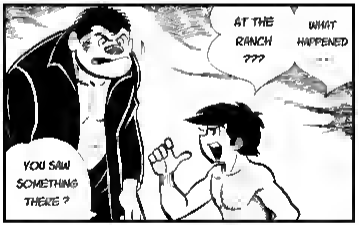
WHAT... WHAT HAPPENED ???
YOU'RE REALLY WEIRD TODAY


CUT THE CRAP !!!
JUST GET READY
WA.. WAIT NISHI...



HAH.. HAHH...
HAH


I SAID WHAT DID YOU SEE AT THE RANCH !?


AT THE RANCH ???
WHAT HAPPENED ...
YOU SAW SOMETHING THERE ?

COME WITH ME JOE...
MAYBE IT'S OVER ALREADY ANYWAY

...
...
RIKISHI HAS STARTED HIS TRAINING FOR TOMORROW...
BUT IT'S REALLY SCARY !
SCARY ???
HMM ..
HOW ..
OR MAYBE YOU WANT TO SAY HE'S DOING SOME ROPE JUMPING FOR TOMORROW'S MATCH ?
HEHE.. WHAT KIND OF TRAINING DID HE DO ?
LOOK.. PEOPLE ARE GATHERING THERE
HE TRAINED BY FACING ANGRY COWS ON THE RANCH..
COW ???
CO.. COW..

HUA
HA
!!!
THEY'RE BRINGING OUT THE COWS
SST ...
ANGRY COWS ..?
UUHH ...
IT'S DONE
TOO ...
PUSH.. PUSH !!!
KREK KREK KREK
HEY MOVE !!! MOVEEE !!!!!
MAKE WAY ! MAKE WAY !!!
1.. 2.. 3.. PUSH !!!
1.. 2.. 3.. PUSH !!!
KREK KREK KREK KREK
COME ON !!! GET IN LINE AND PUSH !!!

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THAKK
AAA... AAHHHH
TREMBLES IN FEAR YOU SAID !?
UUH ...
WHAT'S WRONG ?
HEY
DON'T YOU DARE MOCK ME AGAIN YOU HEAR !?
HUH !!! YOU ONLY KNOW HOW TO HIDE BEHIND SOMEBODY'S BACK AND MAKE FUN OF PEOPLE...
JOE ...
WHA... AHHH...
WHAT ???
UH
I REALLY WANT TO SHOW YOU MY TACTIC FOR BLOCKING THAT FOR TOMORROW PUNCH OF YOURS
HEHE ...
TO MOR ROW !!!
ALL WILL BE DECIDED TOMORROW..
NO NEED TO TALK SHIT HERE
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT TOO - LOOKS LIKE I WON'T BE HAVING A GOOD SLEEP TONIGHT
BUT IF THAT SCENE EARLIER WOULD HAPPEN AGAIN IN THE RING I WILL BE REALLY HAPPY !
NOT LIKE I WANT TO COPY YOUR WORDS..

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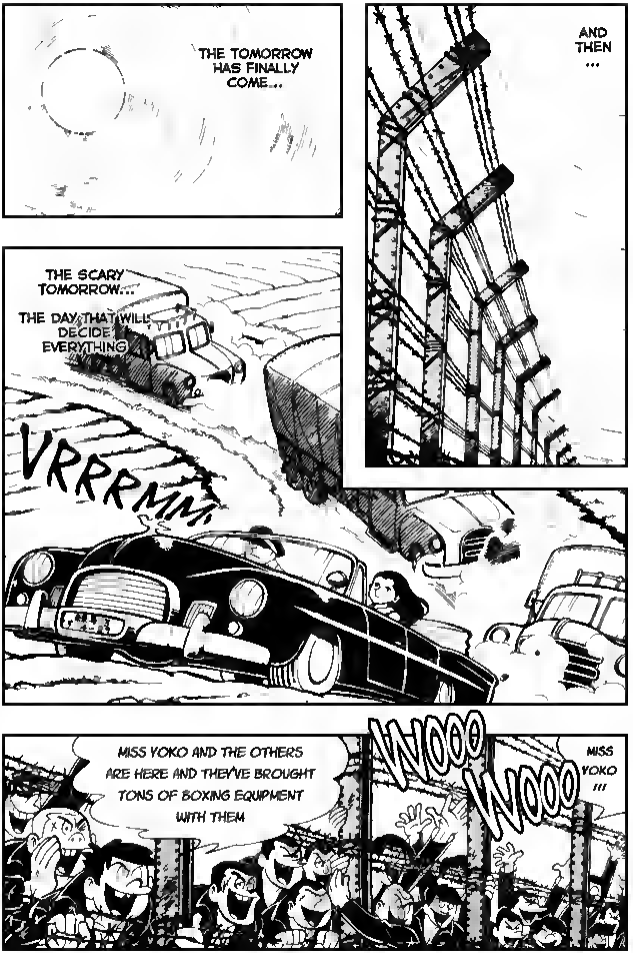
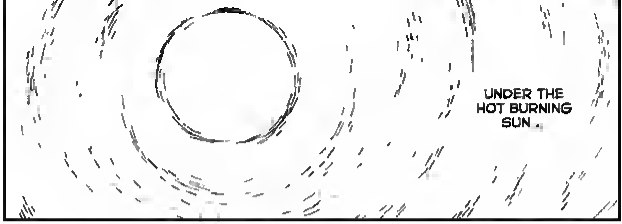
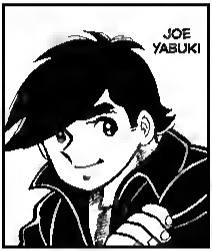

THE TOMORROW HAS FINALLY COME...
AND THEN ...
THE SCARY TOMORROW...
THE DAY THAT WILL DECIDE EVERYTHING
VRRRMM
MISS YOKO AND THE OTHERS ARE HERE AND THEY'VE BROUGHT TONS OF BOXING EQUIPMENT WITH THEM
WOOO
WOOO
MISS YOKO !!!

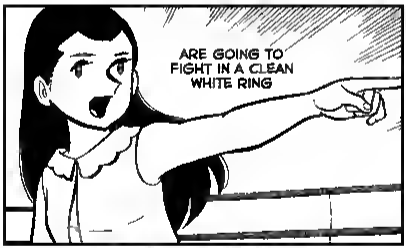
TOK TOK
TOK TOK
TOK TOK
CRAWL IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT RING.. JUST LIKE MISS YOKO WANTS
HEHEHE.. I WILL MAKE JOE CRAWL...
THEY'RE PREPARING THAT BOXING RING UNDER THE RED HOT SUN...
BOXING RING


UNDER THE HOT BURNING SUN.

RIKIISHI TORU


JOE YABUKI

AT THE CORNER OF THE FIELD INSIDE AN AREA SURROUNDED BY BARB-WIRES


ARE GOING TO FIGHT IN A CLEAN WHITE RING

THAT MOMENT HAS FINALLY COME...!

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BUILD THE TENT OVER THERE..
THEN PUT THOSE FIRST-AID KITS AND OTHER THINGS IN THERE...
HEY THIS IS STRANGE.. THE BOXING GEAR FROM MISS YOKO REALLY FITS YOU. IT'S LIKE SHE KNOWS YOUR SIZE ALREADY
HE'S AN EX PRO BOXER ! ANY GEAR WILL FIT HIM WELL
MAYBE MISS YOKO DID MEASURE HIM PERSONALLY.. THAT'S WHY IT FITS PERFECTLY ! HEHEHE...
SO COOL !!!

JOE..
GET READY !
HEHEHE.. FINALLY, MY OLD GLOVES ARE GOING TO KNOCK DOWN ANOTHER PREY AGAIN..
I'M GOING TO MAKE HIM SMELL MY SWEAT !!!
" BROTHER JOE WILL WIN
必勝
ジョーあ!
TRANG
TONG
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BUMM
BUMM
PRANG
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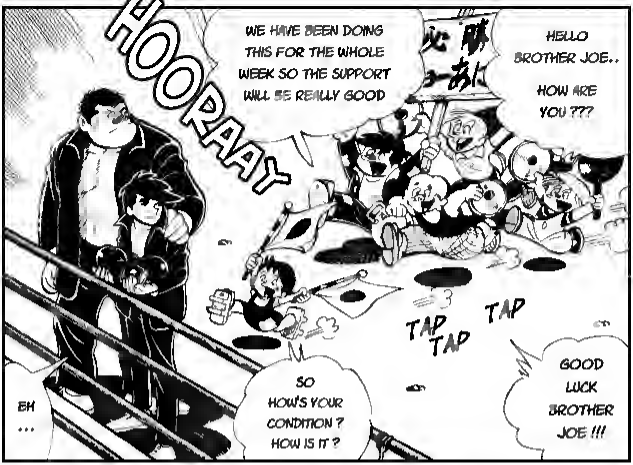
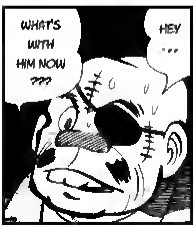
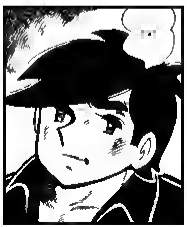
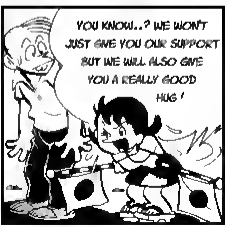
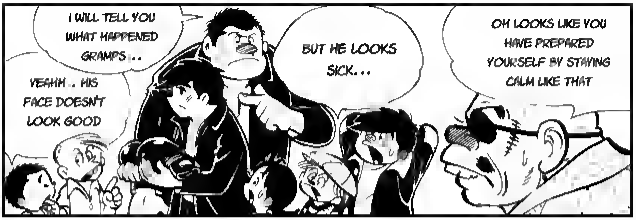

HOORAAY
WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR THE WHOLE WEEK SO THE SUPPORT WILL BE REALLY GOOD
HELLO BROTHER JOE.. HOW ARE YOU ???
TAP TAP TAP
EH ...
SO HOW'S YOUR CONDITION ? HOW IS IT ?
GOOD LUCK BROTHER JOE !!!

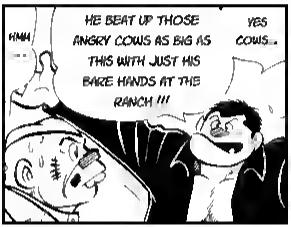
WE INTENTIONALLY CAME FOR YOU EVEN THOUGH WE HAD TO BE SHAKEN UP INSIDE THE BUS AND TRAIN...
HEY ! ONLY EH..?


WHAT'S WITH HIM NOW ???
HEY ...



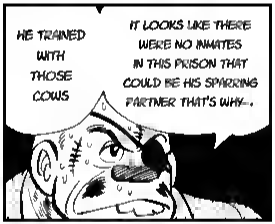

YOU KNOW..? WE WON'T JUST GIVE YOU OUR SUPPORT BUT WE WILL ALSO GIVE YOU A REALLY GOOD HUG !


I WILL TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED GRAMPS ..
YEAHH . HIS FACE DOESN'T LOOK GOOD
BUT HE LOOKS SICK...
OH LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE PREPARED YOURSELF BY STAYING CALM LIKE THAT


HMM ...
HE BEAT UP THOSE ANGRY COWS AS BIG AS THIS WITH JUST HIS BARE HANDS AT THE RANCH !!!
YES COWS..

WHEN HE SAW RIKISHI KNOCK DOWN 3 COWS SOMEHOW, HE BECAME ALL QUIET
ACTUALLY HE COULD NEVER STAY CALM LIKE THAT BUT..
COWS ...

I WILL DO YOUR ARMS...
TO PREPARE YOU FOR THE MATCH I'M GOING TO MASSAGE YOUR SHOULDERS...
I WILL TAKE YOUR ARMPITS THEN..


HE TRAINED WITH THOSE COWS
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WERE NO INMATES IN THIS PRISON THAT COULD BE HIS SPARRING PARTNER THAT'S WHY-.

I WILL MASSAGE THE LEGS ...

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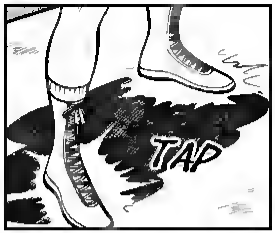
LOST HIS GUTS ON HIS EXECUTION DAY
LOOKS LIKE THAT BIG MOUTH..
JUST HANDLE IT CALMLY JOE !!!
YOU'RE GOOD IN FIGHTING
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU SAW BUT DON'T BE SAD LIKE THAT !!!
BE STRONG JOE !
HUH !!! HOW DARE HE..
BUT THERE ARE STILL OTHER THINGS THAT MAKE BOXING A SCARY THING NOT JUST THAT FEELING
THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE MORE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND ABOUT HOW SCARY BOXING CAN BE
WELL ...
LOOKS LIKE JOE HAS FINALLY REALIZED THAT BOXING IS A SCARY WORLD
THAT'S RIGHT ...
OKAY!
YOU ALL HELP JOE CHANGE !!!
WE HAVE TO GET GOING.. THE MATCH IS GOING TO START SOON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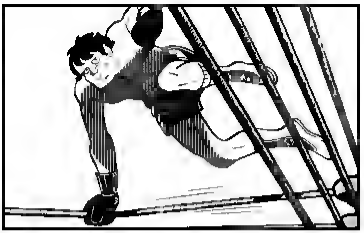
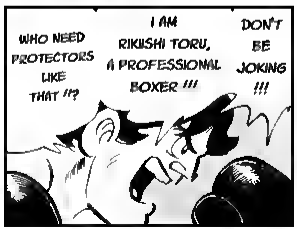
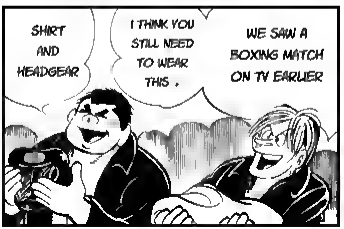


YOU FORGOT THIS
EH RIKISHI ...

WAAAA
HEY, HE LOOKS EVEN STRONGER IN THE RING !
WE'VE BEEN WAITING TO WATCH HIM IN THIS BOXING RING !

WHAT ?


WHO NEED PROTECTORS LIKE THAT !?
I AM RIKISHI TORU, A PROFESSIONAL BOXER !!!
DON'T BE JOKING !!!


SHIRT AND HEADGEAR
I THINK YOU STILL NEED TO WEAR THIS .
WE SAW A BOXING MATCH ON TV EARLIER

I ASSUMED THIS BOXING MATCH AT THE PRISON WAS JUST SOME AMATEUR MATCH THAT'S WHY I PREPARED THE PROTECTORS ....
HIHIH.. SO IT LOOKS LIKE YOU DON'T WANT TO USE THAT AFTER ALL
HAHAHAHAA
HUAHAHAHA
GYAHAHA
YOU REALLY DON'T NEED TO HOLD ONTO YOUR PRO PRINCIPAL THAT MUCH..
HAHAHA HAAHAAA
DERR
DERR
HUAHHA HAHAA
THIS IS REALLY EMBARASSING ...
BUAHAHA HAHAHA
WHAT'S SO FUNNY HUHH !? DON'T LAUGH !!!

HEHEHE
...

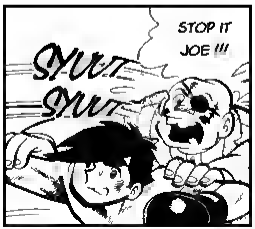
HIHI

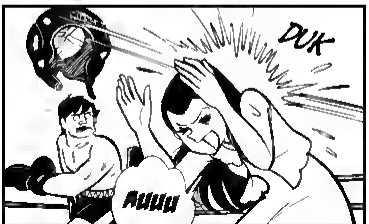
HOW COME THE THINGS FOR RIKISHI FIT PERFECTLY BUT NOT FOR BROTHER JOE .?
LOOKS LIKE THAT LADY IS A REALLY MEAN ONE...
DAMN HER !!!

IT'S ALL GOOD SINCE YOU HAVE WORN ALL THE GEAR REQUIRED BY THE RULES
NO NEED TO THINK ABOUT IT JOE
...

SWUT

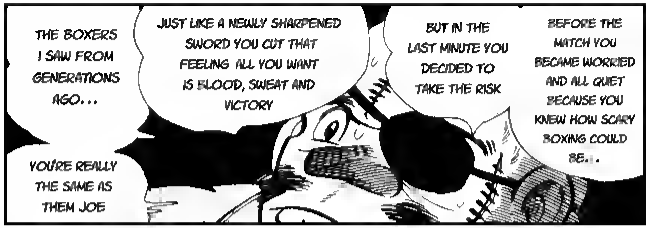
JOE . WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?

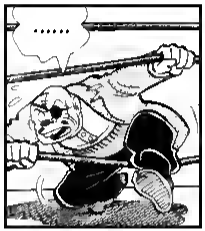

STOP IT JOE !!!
SWUT
SWUT


DUK
AUUU

AHHH
DRUSS
TJAK
DAMN YOU !!!
TAK
I WILL KILL YOU !
HEY... HEY STOP !!!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MISS YOKO, OUR IDOL !!! THAT'S UNFORGIVEABLE !!!
FUCK YOU !!!
HE STOPPED ALREADY... SO CALM DOWN !!!
JOE.. YOU WANT TO FIGHT WITH JUST THAT ?
TAP
SYUUT

HAH ...
IF ONLY TO KNOCK HIM DOWN THIS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH !
I DON'T NEED TO WEAR SOME BOXING SHIRT JUST TO BOX
STOP IT RIKIISHI !!!
HUH
BUT I STILL HAVE TO BORROW THESE GLOVES IF NOT I'M AFRAID I MIGHT HURT HIS FACE
JOE ..
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU JOE..
SURE ! BUT WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM FIRST IF HE'S READY OR NOT...
CAN WE RING THE BELL NOW..?
SO YOU ALL DONE ?
FOR ME I'M ALL SET HERE


THE BOXERS I SAW FROM GENERATIONS AGO...
JUST LIKE A NEWLY SHARPENED SWORD YOU CUT THAT FEELING ALL YOU WANT IS BLOOD, SWEAT AND VICTORY
BUT IN THE LAST MINUTE YOU DECIDED TO TAKE THE RISK
BEFORE THE MATCH YOU BECAME WORRIED AND ALL QUIET BECAUSE YOU KNEW HOW SCARY BOXING COULD BE...
YOU'RE REALLY THE SAME AS THEM JOE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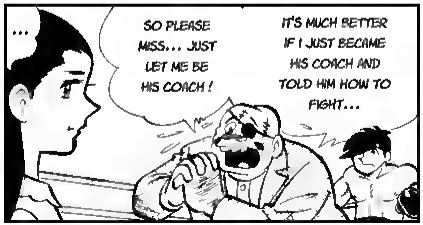
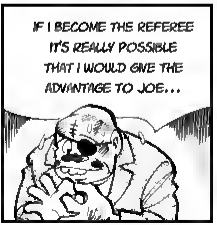
I HOPE MR.DIMPEI TANGE WILL AGREE TO HELP WITH THE BOXING ACTIVITY IN THIS PRISON FROM NOW ON TOO
AND ALSO

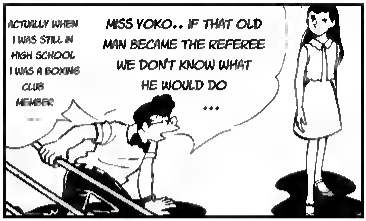
I REALLY WISH TO ASK YOU TO BE THE REFEREE
THOSE ARE REALLY CONVINCING WORDS ...

SORRY.. BUT I REFUSE TO BE THE REFEREE
I WILL ONLY HELP JOE...
ONLY JOE ...

WHY NOT..?
I WILL END UP JUST HELPING HIM..
NO.. NO !!!


...
SO PLEASE MISS... JUST LET ME BE HIS COACH !
IT'S MUCH BETTER IF I JUST BECAME HIS COACH AND TOLD HIM HOW TO FIGHT...


IF I BECOME THE REFEREE IT'S REALLY POSSIBLE THAT I WOULD GIVE THE ADVANTAGE TO JOE...

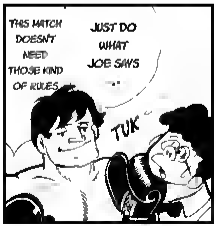

ACTUALLY WHEN I WAS STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL I WAS A BOXING CLUB MEMBER
MISS YOKO.. IF THAT OLD MAN BECAME THE REFEREE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HE WOULD DO ...

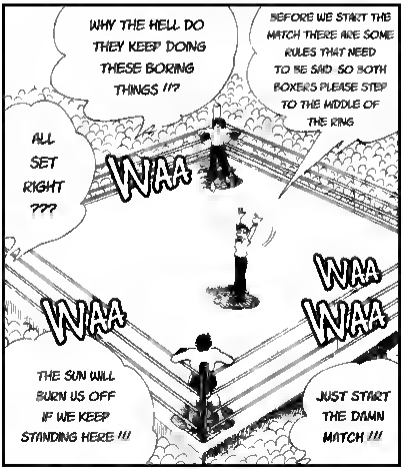
I LIKE IT ...
FROM ALL YOUR WORDS UNTIL NOW, THIS IS THE GREATEST ONE
GOOD ! GRAMPS

YES
MR. WARDENS... PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE BELL AND TIME

I LEAVE THIS TO YOU
OKAY
SO HOW ABOUT I BECOME THE REFEREE ?

HOW ABOUT WE JUST DO WHAT THEY SAY ? LET'S JUST CUT THE CRAP AND SOUND THE BELL
BUT YOU STILL .


THIS MATCH DOESN'T NEED THOSE KIND OF RULES
JUST DO WHAT JOE SAYS ...
TUK


WHY THE HELL DO THEY KEEP DOING THESE BORING THINGS !!?
BEFORE WE START THE MATCH THERE ARE SOME RULES THAT NEED TO BE SAID SO BOTH BOXERS PLEASE STEP TO THE MIDDLE OF THE RING
ALL SET RIGHT ???
WAA
WAA
WAA
WAA
THE SUN WILL BURN US OFF IF WE KEEP STANDING HERE !!!
JUST START THE DAMN MATCH !!!

HMM ...
BOTH BOXERS PLEASE BACK TO YOUR CORNERS
O OKAY
I'M SURE YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT..!
HEHEHE.. I TOLD YOU THIS BEFORE, THAT I'M GOING TO KNOCK YOU OUT IN THE FIRST MINUTE OF THE FIRST ROUND
THE BELL'S GONNA RING SOON !!!
JUST SHUT UP !!!!!
YOU ... JOE ...
WHAT THING ???
THING FROM YESTERDAY ???
RIGHT NOW JOE'S MIND IS FULL WITH THAT THING FROM YESTERDAY
IT'S BETTER IF YOU JUST STAY HERE AND STOP CALLING HIM
DON'T DO THAT GRAMPS

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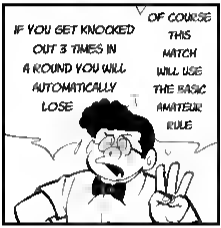
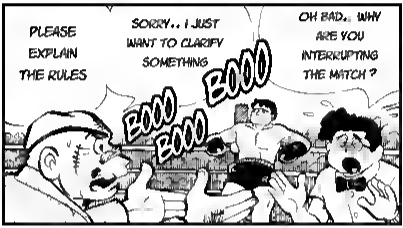
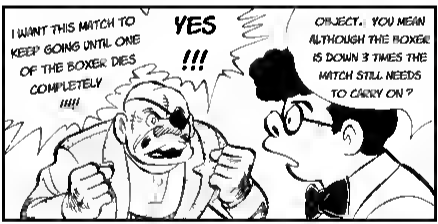
HELL ...
JOE TRAINED LIKE HELL
TO MASTER THAT FOR TOMORROW LESSON 3 FROM GRAMPS...
ABOUT THE COWS
I TOLD YOU EARLIER
BUT THERE'S ONE GUY WHO JUST KEPT WATCHING HIS TRAINING...
THEN ...
THAT SCENE WAS REALLY ONE FROM LIKE HELL !
THOSE INMATES THAT TRIED TO CAPTURE HIM WERE MADE HIS TRAINING TARGETS...
YES
HE SAID THAT IT WAS HIS SECRET TACTIC TO NULLIFY YOUR FOR TOMORROW PUNCH..
AND SOMEHOW YESTERDAY RIKISHI KNOCKED DOWN 3 ANGRY COWS
THAT'S RIGHT
RI - RIKISHI TORU RIGHT ???
IS.. ISS... ISS..
HE KEEPS THINKING ABOUT HOW STRONG RIKISHI'S POWER IS
SO RIGHT NOW JOE'S MIND IS FILLED WITH THOSE COWS...
SINCE THEN HE BECAME QUIET LIKE THAT
AND HE ALSO WITNESSED HIMSELF THOSE UNCONSCIOUS COWS THAT WERE CARRIED AWAY
JOE HEARD THAT..

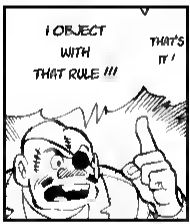
IF HE'S REALLY GONE THAT FAR...
SO AFTER WATCHING JOE IN HIS TRAINING RIGHT! STARTED HIS OWN TRAINING BY KNOCKING OUT SOME ANGRY COWS...
HEY... HEY IT'S TOO LATE NOW ANYWAY EVEN THOUGH YOU BECAME PALE LIKE THAT
IS THAT TRUUEE !!?
AND.. AND EVEN WORSE HE'S REALLY BACK !!!!!
BOXING IS A REALLY BLOODY SPORT !!!
THERE WILL REALLY BE A TRAGEDY ON THIS SUNDAY !!! THIS WILL BE A REALLY HORRIFYING MATCH !!!
THE ... THERE WILL ...
HOLD ITT !!! DON'T RING THE BELL YETT !!!!!
HMM ...
SOUND THE BELL
IT'S TIME
WAIT... I NEED TO ASK THE REFEREE SOMETHING
WAIT ...
HAHH ..?

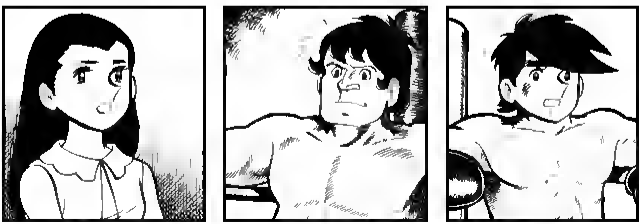
WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER !!! DRAG THAT DAMN DIRTY OLD MAN OUT OF THE RING NOW !!!
BOOO
BOOO
WHY THE HELL DID YOU HOP IN !!!?? THE MATCH IS GOING TO START SOON !!!
YOU DAMN IDIOT !!!






I WANT THIS MATCH TO KEEP GOING UNTIL ONE OF THE BOXER DIES COMPLETELY !!!!!
YES !!!
OBJECT. YOU MEAN ALTHOUGH THE BOXER IS DOWN 3 TIMES THE MATCH STILL NEEDS TO CARRY ON ?





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HAH?
BUT IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE RULES THIS MATCH IS CLEARLY AGAINST THEM !!!
I KNOW THAT !!!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT THIS RULE IS NOT JUST FOR AMATEUR MATCHES BUT ALSO FOR THE PRO ONES. AND THIS IS ALSO AN INTERNATIONAL RULE TO PROTECT THE LIFE OF A BOXER
HEY GRAMPS.. WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT..??
UHH
SO IS A WEIGHT DIFFERENCE MATCH LIKE THIS IS ALSO ALLOWED BY THE RULES ? ANSWER ME !!!
AND JOE HERE IS ON BANTAMWEIGHT, TWO CLASS UNDER IT
LISTEN CAREFULLY ...
IF WE CHECK RIKISHI'S BODY HE'S CLEARLY CURRENTLY IN THE FEATHERWEIGHT CLASS
MISS YOKO..
THAT OLD MAN IS REALLY ANNOYING !

TO TRADE WITH THAT I WANT THIS MATCH TO KEEP GOING NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES SOMEONE GETS KNOCKED DOWN BE IT 3 OR 5 TIMES JUST KEEP CARRYING ON UNTIL HE'S REALLY KNOCKED OUT !!!
THAT'S WHY ...
BU.. BUT..
THERE WILL SURELY BE A MURDER INCIDENT .....
WE CAN'T DO THAT !
THERE'S A REALLY LARGE WEIGHT AND POWER DIFFERENCE AND IF YOU GET KNOCKED DOWN ONCE THEY WILL STOP THE MATCH.. IS IT SOMETHING LIKE THAT ???
HEY ! DON'T UNDERSTAND A BIT WHAT THAT OLD MAN IS SAYING
HE HE
HIII...
YOU THINK I'M GOING TO KILL RIKIISHI !?
YOU IDIOT REFEREE !!!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT STUDENT OF YOURS CAN KNOCK ME DOWN 3 OR 5 TIMES ?
SO OLD MAN..
MAYBE WHEN THAT OLD MAN WAS STILL ACTIVE AS A BOXER HE GOT HIT TOO MANY TIMES ON HIS HEAD SO NOT JUST HIS HEAD GET SHAPED WEIRD BUT HIS MIND DID TOO
HEY ...

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HIS CONFIDENCE IS REALLY SURPRISING
YOU GUYS THINK THAT HIS STUDENT THAT ONLY HAS ONE OR TWO SECRET PUNCHES FROM HIM COULD REALLY WIN AGAINST AN EX-BOXER ? I'M SURE THIS IS A CONSPIRACY SO HE CAN BOX UNTIL THE LAST ROUND
HAH.. REALLY ???
HAHH.. YOU.. YOU ACCEPT IT..??
I ACCEPT THAT NO 3 KO RULE !
FINE.. I GET IT !!!
SOUND THE BELLLL
BOOO
THE HELL !!!
GET OUT YOU DAMN OLD MAN !!!!!
BOOO
COME ON !!! START THE MATCH !!!!
BUT CAN WE START THIS MATCH NOW ?
YES I DO ...
THIS WASTED TIME HAS STARTED MAKING ME NOT FEEL LIKE FIGHTING ANYMORE

NEVER THOUGHT YOU CARED SO MUCH ABOUT ME
HEHE THANKS
AS LONG AS THEY KEEP TO THE DEAL I WON'T SAY ANYMORE
I.. I'M OUT NOW
BOOO BOOO
COME TO THINK OF IT ...
I WONDER HOW MANY TIMES THIS SECRET PUNCH CAN KNOCK HIM DOWN
IS YOU JOE !
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN - THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO BE KNOCKED DOWN LOTS OF TIMES .
WHAT DO YOU MEAN..?
WHA..

ASHITA NO JOE

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READS NOW
RIGHT TO LEFT
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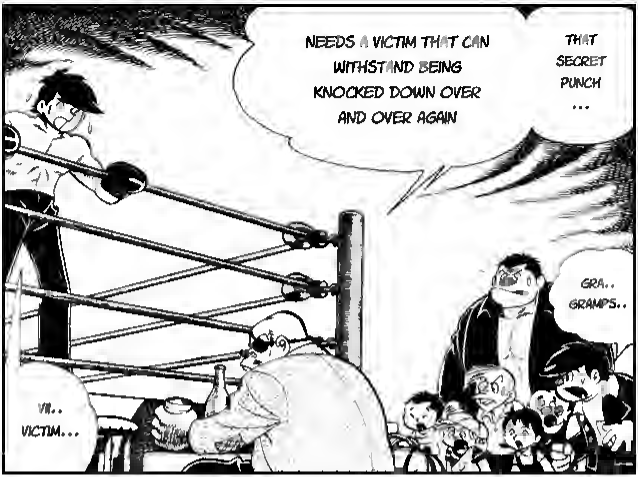
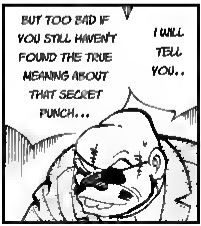

NEEDS A VICTIM THAT CAN WITHSTAND BEING KNOCKED DOWN OVER AND OVER AGAIN
THAT SECRET PUNCH ...
GRA.. GRAMPS..
VI.. VICTIM...

BUT WHY AM I THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO BE KNOCKED OUT !?
I.. I MASTERED YOUR SECRET PUNCH ALREADY BUT...

HEYY.. TELL ME WHY !!!!!
LOSE !!?

YOU WILL LOSE


BUT TOO BAD IF YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE TRUE MEANING ABOUT THAT SECRET PUNCH...
I WILL TELL YOU..

JOE OPEN YOUR MOUTH !!!
HURRYY
TENGG
COWS ...
IT'S BECAUSE OF THOSE COWS THAT RIKISHI MADE AS HIS SPARRING PARTNERS ! THAT'S WHY !!!
WHY ???
UUGH ...
HERE !!!
MOUTH PIECE !!!
GRRR
HAH ..
TAP TAP TAP
HAHH ..?
SYUU

BLIAKK
HEGH
...
UUKHH
TUING
DAKK
SPOK

TO... TO THE NEUTRAL CORNER
HIII ...
BRUKK
HE DID IT !!!
THE FASTEST KO EVER
RIKIISHI'S POWER IS SO GREAT !!!
YAAAA HOOO
NOW HE'S DOWN AND IT'S NOT EVEN ONE MINUTE YET
HEHEHE.. HE SHOULDN'T BE SPACING OUT LIKE THAT
2
1
3
WAAA
WAAA

6
5
4
AAHH ...
JO.. JOE...
IT'S BECAUSE THAT SWAMP'S FILLED ME UP WITH SOME WEIRD THINGS
KNOCKED DOWN..
8
7
BUK
MOVE !!!
9
AND IT BECAME LIKE THIS .
HE HE
GET
GOOO BROTHER JOE !!!
Woo
HE'S BACK ON HIS FEET !!!
WAA
WAA

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JUST TAKE IT EASY
RIKIISHI.. THERE'S STILL 40 SECONDS LEFT TO THAT 1 MINUTE KO TIME YOU PROMISED
BROTHER JOE !!!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU...?
BROTHER JOE ..
UUH ...
6
5
GET
UNLESS HE GETS BACK UP NO NEED TO BE IN A HURRY
YOU GUYS WORRY TOO MUCH .
JOE ...
JOE ...
OH ONLY 35 SECONDS LEFT !
HE IS STANDING UPPP...
I'M REALLY TAKING IT EASY..
HEHE . SORRY
RIKIISHI !!! ONLY 32 SECONDS LEFT..!!!
DO YOUR BEST BROTHER JOE !!!
UUH ...
WAAA
WAAA

RIKISHI... 30 SECONDS LEFT !!!
HE'S BACK UP...
OOH
SPLAAAT
SPLAT
HUH
I.. I...
JOE ...
BROTHER JOE..
DON'T GIVE UP BROTHER JOE !!!
JOE ...
BUT THIS FIRST MATCH WILL OPEN A NEW ROAD FOR TOMORROW LEAVING YOUR OLD FATE BEHIND..
YOU KEEP FIGHTING WITH YOUR SWEAT FLOWING FROM YOUR BODY UNTIL YOU CAN'T EVEN MOVE ANYMORE.
YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT SOON WITH YOUR FLESH AND CRACKING BONES
BUT WHEN A BOXER IS IN THE RING HE CAN ONLY DEPEND ON HIMSELF
DIDN'T HAVE THE CHANCE TO TELL YOU WHY YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE..

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I HAVE DECIDED THAT I WON'T GIVE UP EITHER.. I WILL KEEP WATCHING YOU... ALWAYS WATCHING YOU...
DON'T JUST STAND THERE.. MOVE !!!
JOE TURN TO YOUR RIGHT !!!
GO GET HIM !!! SEND HIM TO THE DREAMLAND !!!
FINISH HIM OFFF !!! HE'S DONE FOR !!!
RIKIISHI 25 SECONDS LEFT !!!
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
BROTHER JOE !!!
IT'S NO USE STANDING LIKE THAT !!! YOU ARE REALLY NO MATCH FOR HIM..!
HAHAHAHA
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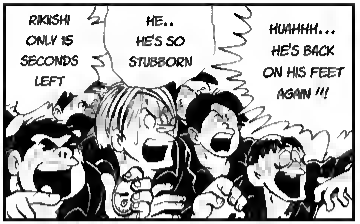
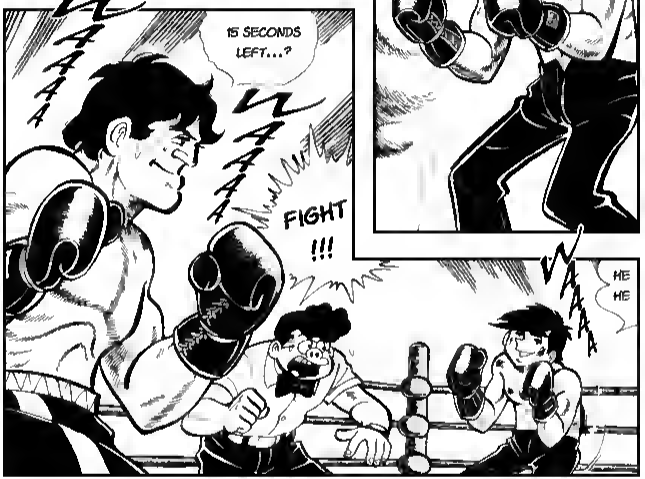
I'VE ONLY GONE DOWN TWICE...
ARE YOU GUYS NODDING ???
NO.. NO MATCH FOR HIM...?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT !?
HUH
PLOKK
BUAKK
YOU REALLY DESERVE TO...
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
DIE
!!!
GROKKK

BRUNK
GYUUT
Wooo
2
1
HE'S DOWN FOR THE THIRD TIME AGAIN !!!
YEAHH DOWN AGAIN !!!
COME ON.. COUNT IT !!!!!
5
4
HE REALLY IS AN EX PRO BOXER AFTER ALL
OH NO
3
THERE REALLY IS NO CHANCE TO HIT HIM AT ALL...
THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IS STOP HIS PLAN..
AT LEAST
7
6
IF.. IF THAT'S SO...
WHATEVER HAPPENS


RIKISHI ONLY 15 SECONDS LEFT
HE.. HE'S SO STUBBORN
HUAHHH... HE'S BACK ON HIS FEET AGAIN !!!

OF KNOCKING ME OUT IN ONE MINUTE
AND LOOKING AT HOW THIS MATCH IS GOING IT'S REALLY IN MY FAVOR..
SETT


15 SECONDS LEFT...?
FIGHT !!!
HE HE

HIS PRIDE
RIGHT NOW THE ONLY WAY TO SHATTER..

DAMN ! CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER..!

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WHAT'S WRONG JOE ?
HAH ?
WHUUT
EH ...
Y... YOUU..
AND THAT WILL MAKE RIKISHI'S STATEMENT NOT COME TRUE
IN THIS SITUATION THE BEST THING TO DO IS TO RUN AWAY
THAT'S RIGHT
HEY YOU IDIOT !!! YOU THINK THIS IS A MARATHON MATCH !!?
HAHAHA THIS IS SO FUNNY !!!
HAH..
OVER HERE ..
HE'S GOING TO BE EXECUTED SOON BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM SCARED AT ALL

HEHEHE ...
HEHEHE... THEY LOOK LIKE A CAT AND DOG RUNNING AROUND LIKE THAT
HIHIHI
HIHI
UUH ...
BAA BII BOO
WEKK WEKK
HEHE ...
HAKH.. HAKH
HAH
SET
ALL RIGHT !
NO. 4 NOW
5 SECONDS ...
WHAT'S WRONG ? COME AND KNOCK ME OUT !
HEY 6 SECONDS LEFT..
RIKUSHI 6 SECONDS LEFT !!!
DO.. DON'T RUN AWAY NOW !
SET
SET
WHY ARE YOU CHASING ME WHILE SHAKING YOUR BUTT LIKE THAT
HEY ...
SET
SET

RIKIISHI IS USING HIS SPEEDY FOOTWORK NOW
BA.. BAA . BAADD
HEHEHE.. I SAID DON'T RUN AWAY !
SET
ET WON'T GET ME
TAP
TAP
NEVER THOUGHT HE WAS FAST LIKE THIS
HUH
TAP
TAP
TAP
HAAHH ???
I HAVE RUN AS FAST AS I COULD ...
WHEN ...
HOW COULD HE..?
HEHE ...
SET
HAH
H A A H
HE JUST SWAYS A LITTLE...
HEHE ...
SET
SET

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TWING
SPOK!
FINISHING BLOW !!!
STOP !!!
BRUKK

WOO
DID IT !!!
ONLY 1 MINUTE
WHAT HE SAID IS TRUE !!!
RIKISHI IS REALLY OUR CHAMPION
GET
4
3
GET UP JOE..!
GET UP..
...
...

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FI... FIGHTT..
HEHEHE ...
HEHE ...
UUHH ...
ORRR
HEY WHY ARE YOU JUST STANDING THERE LIKE THAT !!?
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO WAS TALKING SHIT ! DAMN BIG LIAR..! MUHAMMAD ALI IMPOSTER !!!
WELL LOOKS LIKE..
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DW NOW ?
1 MINUTE JUST PASSED RIKISHI..
SHIING...
COME AND GET ME !!!
I WILL REALLY FINISH HIM OFF NOW MISS..!
I.. RIKISHI TORU WILL FINISH HIM...
NO.. NO EFFECT AT ALL..

I'M NOT JUST SOME PUNCHING BAG !!!
BUT THERE'S ONE THING I REALLY WANT TO TELL YOU...
I'M DONE PROVING YOU WRONG..
HE HE

ASHITA NO JOE

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READS NOW
RIGHT TO LEFT
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I HAVE LEGS AND ARMS TOO !
NO ...
IT WILL..
SOON ...
SOON IT WILL COME..
THE SECRET PUNCH FOR TOMORROW LESSON 3
MAYBE IT WON'T ..
BUT ...
I REALLY WANT THAT PUNCH..
SRET
SRET

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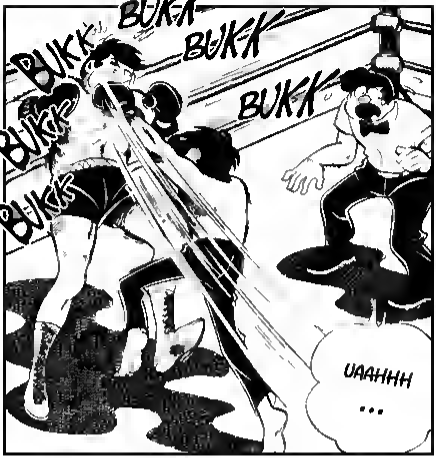

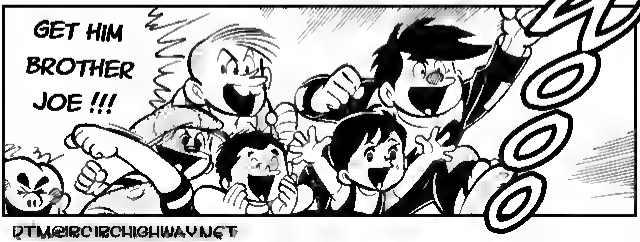

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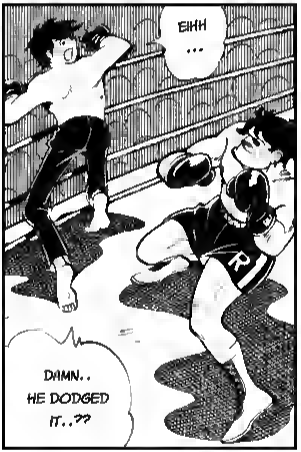
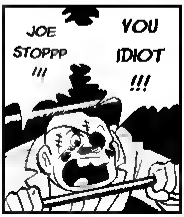
WHUSH

SHUT

YOU WILL LOSE IF YOU ATTACK !!!
DON'T ATTACK !!!
DON'T JOE !!!


EHH ...
DAMN.. HE DODGED IT..??

JUST SHUT YOUR MOUTH !!!!!
YOU SHOULD PRAISE HIM FOR FIGHTING SO HARD LIKE THAT
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING GRAMPS ???


JOE STOPPP !!!
YOU IDIOT !!!

FEEL THIS..

WHUT
BUK

NOISY OLD MAN...

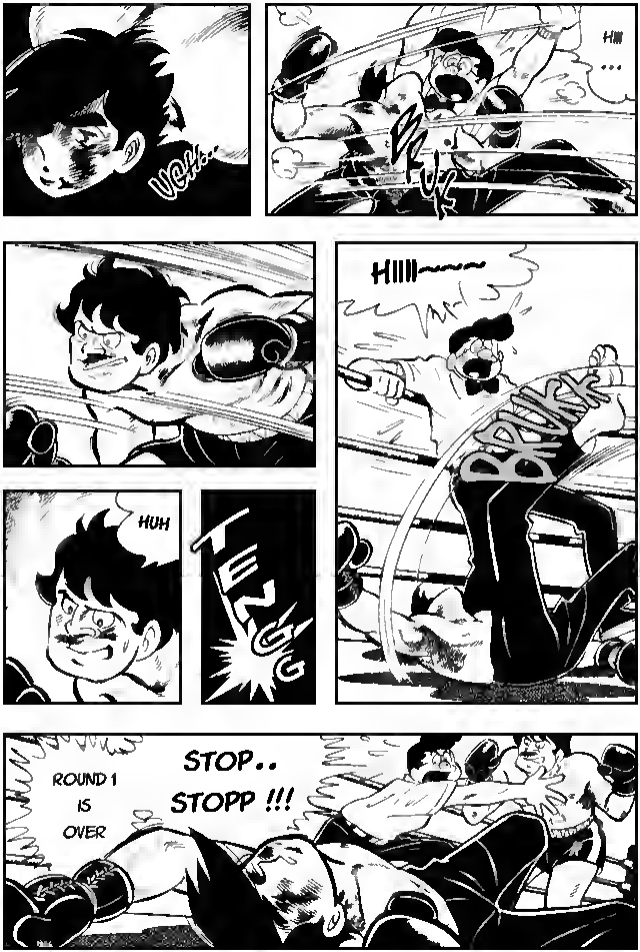
UAGH!

BUAK

POKK

POKK

BUKK
PLOK
BUFF
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
THOK


UGH...
HH ...
BRUK
HHHH~~~
BRUKK
HUH
TENG
ROUND 1 IS OVER
STOP..
STOPP !!!

DAMN LUCKY GUY ...
THE BELL RANG ???
JOE !
WAKE UP !!!
WAKE.. WAKE UP JOE !!!
WAKE UP NOW JOE !
ENOUGH !!!
CAN YOU HEAR ME JOE ?
YOU ARE REALLY MEAN GRAMPS...
THE MEDKIT AND WATER FOR RINSING..
GET THE CHAIR !
SPEET
THE BUCKET TOO. HURRY !!!

HUAHH ...
I'M JOE'S COACH !!!
IT'S YOU WHO SHOULD STOP YOUR CRAP !!!
WHY ARE YOU TALKING THAT WAY TO JOE WHO HAS PASSED OUT !
YOU BETTER STOP THAT..
NO MATTER HOW I SEE IT, I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE THINKING..
DAMN ...
BRUKK
WHAT YOU NEED IS A FIGHTING MACHINE..
IN A BOXING RING THERE'S NO NEED FOR HEART .....
YOU'RE WEAK NISHI !
RIGHT NOW YOU SHOULD TREAT JOE KINDLY !
WATER TOO !
AND THE MEDKIT
H.. HERE'S THE SUCKET..
HEY WAKE UP JOE !!!
IN OTHER WORDS ALL YOU NEED IS A GOOD MACHINE THAT CAN FIGHT TO THE END

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PROOT
DON'T DRINK THAT !
IF YOU'RE DONE SPIT IT OUT HERE
RINSE IT !
YOUR MOUTH IS FULL WITH BLOOD AND SALIVA
A LITTLE MORE AND I COULD HAVE KNOCKED RIKISHI DOWN ...
A
BUT WHY DID YOU NEED TO INTERFERE...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING JOE..?
IF YOU WANT TO WIN, AVOID BEING KNOCKED DOWN AGAIN !
THAT'S THE SAME AS TRYING TO COOL DOWN LAVA WITH JUST WATER
YOU THINK THAT WITH JUST JABS AND STRAIGHTS YOU COULD KNOCK HIM DOWN ?
DON'T KNOW NOTHING AT ALL..
YOU ..
YOU MUST KO HIM..!!!
AND AT THAT TIME ..
AT THAT TIME IF YOU STAY CALM.. YOU WILL SURELY NOTICE THE CHANCE
THE ROAD TO VICTORY WILL OPEN ...
IF YOU CAN AVOID HIS THUNDEROUS PUNCHES..

NO NEED !!!
RI . RIKISHI... HERE'S THE CHAIR...
...
...
STO.. STOP THE MATCH !!!
WHEN IS THE SECOND ROUND GOING TO START..?
BUK
BUK
BUK
BUK
BUK
BUK
THERE'S STILL TIME LEFT ???
IF THIS MATCH KEEPS GOING ON THIS WILL BECOME A BRUTALITY SHOW
NO MATTER HOW YOU SEE IT THIS IS NOT REALLY A MATCH
THIS HAS GONE TOO FAR
JUST DECLARE A TKO WIN FOR RIKISHI
I SUGGEST WE STOP THIS MATCH
WHAT ???
IS BECAUSE WHEN HE WAS STILL YOUNG HE WAS ALWAYS GETTING BACK UP EVERY TIME HE WAS KNOCKED DOWN IN HIS BOXING MATCHES AND THANKS TO THAT THE SPIRIT WAS PLANTED DEEPLY INTO HIS HEART
THE SECRET OF MY GRANDFATHER MIKINOSUKE SHIRAKI'S SUCCESS IN THE WORLD OF BUSINESS..
THAT'S A WEIRD WAY TO VIEW IT
BRUTAL ..?

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FOR YOUR JUDGEMENT OF THIS MATCH..
BUT THIS MATCH IS STILL A DILEMMA FOR ME
THANK YOU MISS..
I BECOME AFRAID IF I HEAR THAT NAME ...
MIKINOSUKE SHIRAKI ...
JOE ...
BROTHER JOE..
AND THIS IS ALSO A DILEMMA FOR ME TOO..
HAH?
THANK YOU TOO
SO SHUT UP YOU STUPID COACH !!!
BURK
I AM NOT A PUNCHING BAG
GOT IT JOE ?
HE WILL SURELY COME FOR YOU RIGHT AWAY SO DON'T ATTACK !
HE ...
PRITT
HAHHA HAHA
HUAHAHA HAHAHA
HAHAHA HAHA
BRAKK

HE HE
GOOD LUCK
BROTHER JOE..
TENG
SKETT
I WON'T RUSH IT LIKE I DID BEFORE
I WILL FINISH YOU OFF SLOWLY
HEHE.. I'M NOT BEING PRESSURED BY THE TIME ANYMORE..
QUAKK
WHUUT
6 MINUTES..! IF ADD WITH THIS 2ND ROUND

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SRET
...
WAAA
WAAA
HE
HE
RIKISHI
..
VUH
BOKK
POKK
BLKK
BLKK
$POKK
BLKK
BOKK
JOE . HE'S REALLY BEING A PUNCHING BAG AFTER ALL
BA.. BADD.. BAD...
THIS IS REALLY BAD ...
PLOKK
BOKK
BOKK
BLAKK
BLK

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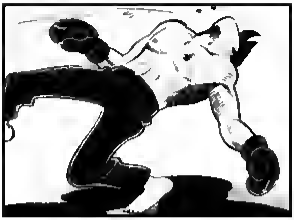
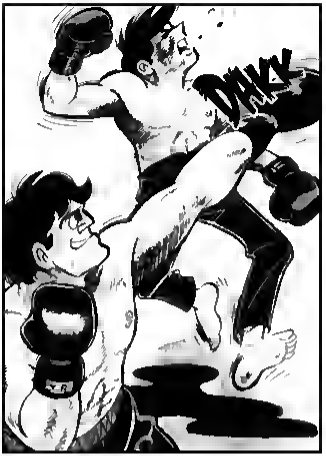
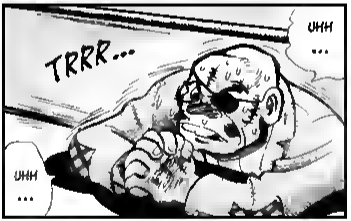
SRETT
SWUT
WHUTT
SPOK!
DIAGH




DAKK

FUKK


TRRR...
UHH ...
UHH ...

HE HE

HE
HE
HAHH
...
HAH
...
HAH
...
SET

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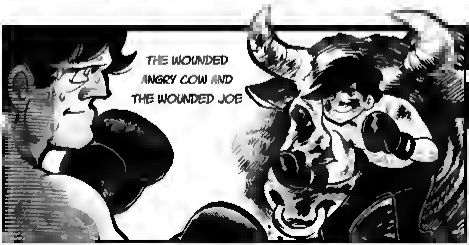
BRUKK
UGH
...
AHHH
...
HAH
...
HAHH
...
...
HE HE



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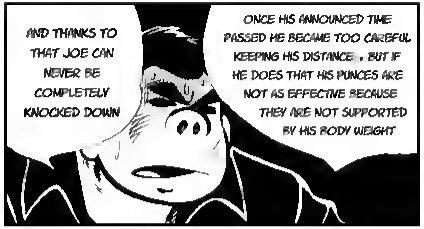
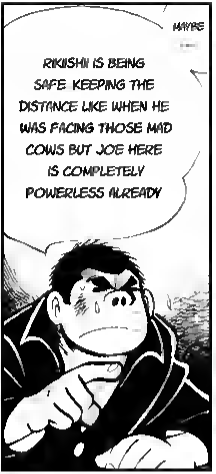
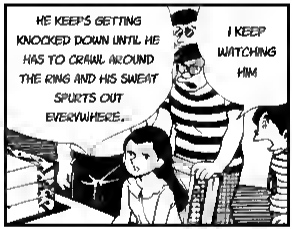
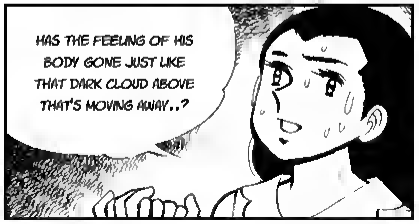

AND THANKS TO THAT JOE CAN NEVER BE COMPLETELY KNOCKED DOWN
ONCE HIS ANNOUNCED TIME PASSED HE BECAME TOO CAREFUL KEEPING HIS DISTANCE , BUT IF HE DOES THAT HIS PUNCES ARE NOT AS EFFECTIVE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT SUPPORTED BY HIS BODY WEIGHT


MAYBE
RIKISHI IS BEING SAFE KEEPING THE DISTANCE LIKE WHEN HE WAS FACING THOSE MAD COWS BUT JOE HERE IS COMPLETELY POWERLESS ALREADY

JOE IS REALLY JUST LIKE THAT ANGRY COW

WHY DOES HE DO THAT... RIKISHI'S STILL STRONG TOO
HE'S UNDER ESTIMATING JOE


HE KEEP'S GETTING KNOCKED DOWN UNTIL HE HAS TO CRAWL AROUND THE RING AND HIS SWEAT SPURTS OUT EVERYWHERE..
I KEEP WATCHING HIM


HAS THE FEELING OF HIS BODY GONE JUST LIKE THAT DARK CLOUD ABOVE THAT'S MOVING AWAY..?

DIDN'T HIS BODY FEEL ANY PRESSURE FROM THOSE ENDLESS STRIKES ?
BUT ...

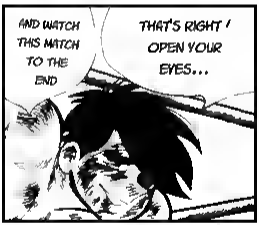
DUAGH
SPOKK
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK

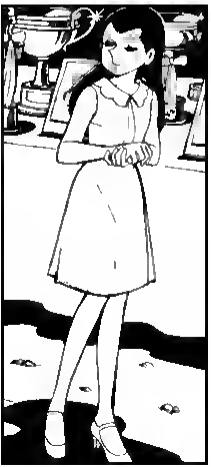
SRUKK
UUHH ...
SRRK
THIS IS TOO MUCH..
HE'S REALLY JUST LIKE A ROCK
WAIT~~!
DUK
UHHH

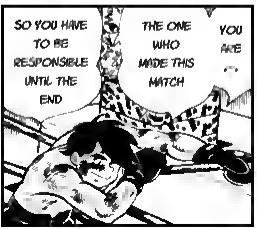
IF YOU LEAVE NOW...
ANY MORE

NO. NO FUN.
HUH~

ISN'T THAT RIGHT MISS...?
THE FIRE YOU MADE YOURSELF
YOU SHOULDN'T LEAVE ...


AND WATCH THIS MATCH TO THE END
THAT'S RIGHT! OPEN YOUR EYES...




SO YOU HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE UNTIL THE END
THE ONE WHO MADE THIS MATCH
YOU ARE ...

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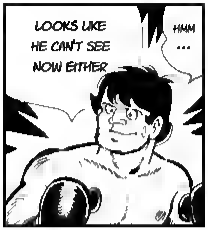
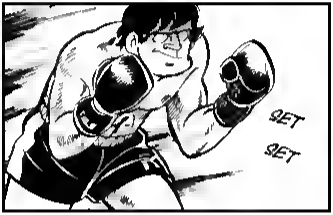
JOE ..!


LOOKS LIKE HE CAN'T SEE NOW EITHER
HMM ...

UHH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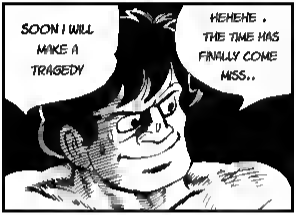
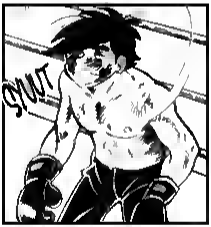

SOON I WILL MAKE A TRAGEDY
HEHEHE . THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME MISS..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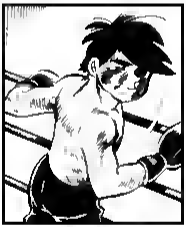
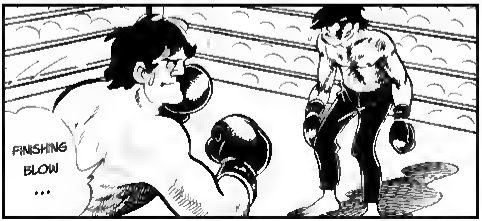
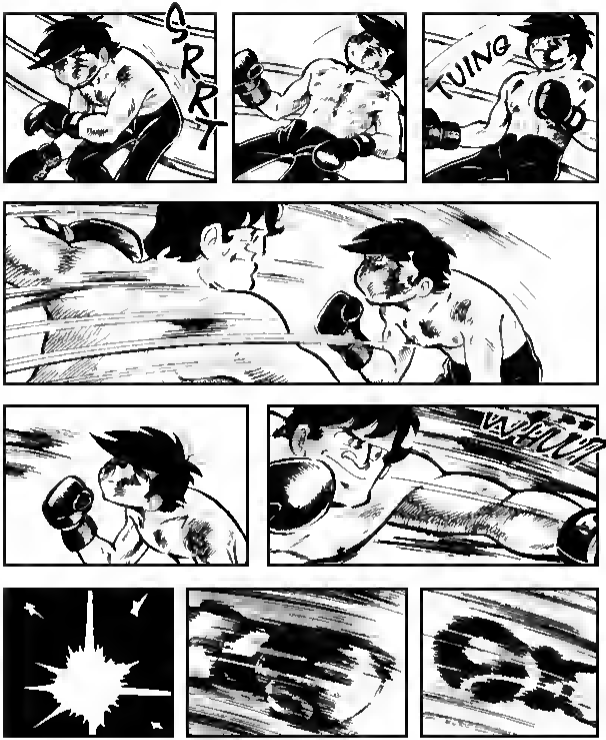
JUST STAY THERE... IT'S FORBIDDEN TO HIT YOUR OPPONENT FROM BEHIND !
DON'T TURN AROUND !!!!!




FINISHING BLOW ...

HE TURNED AND FACED HIM !
NO ! IDIOT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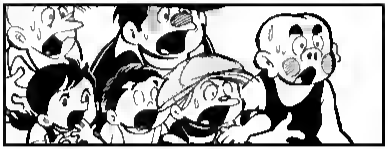

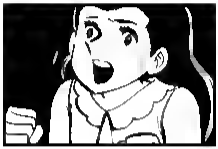

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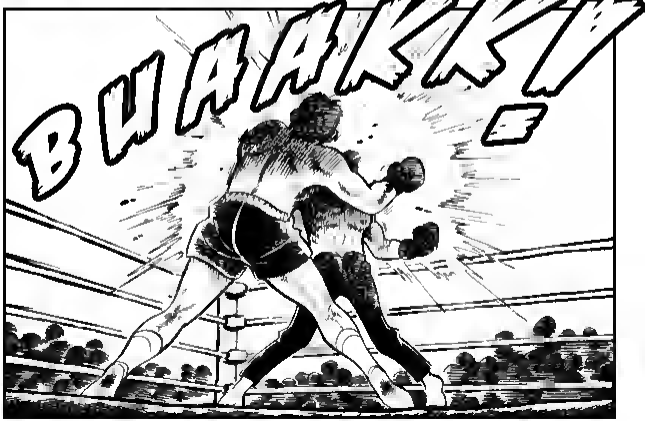
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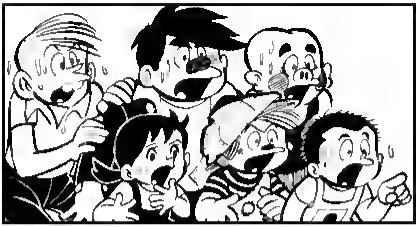

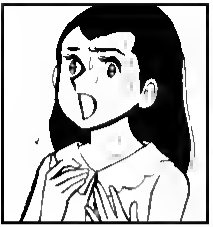

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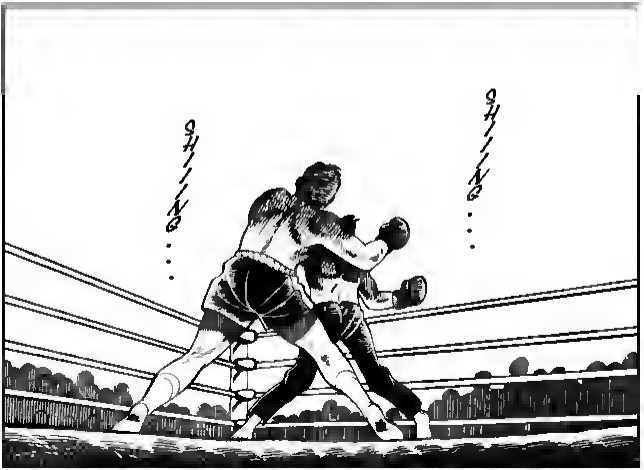
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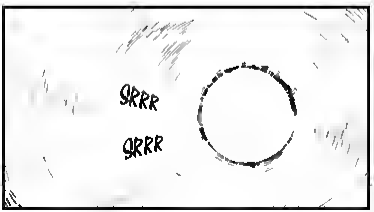
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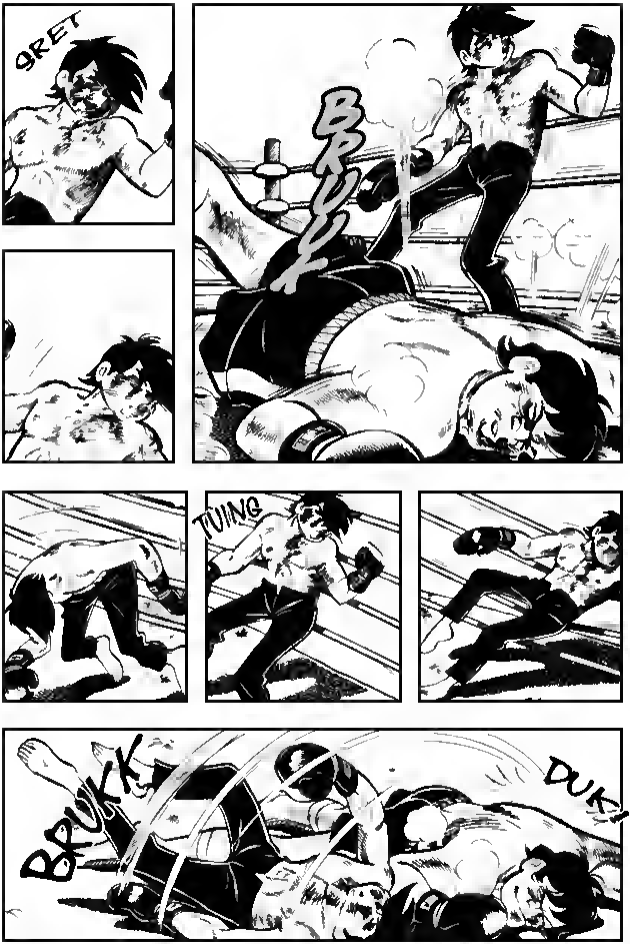

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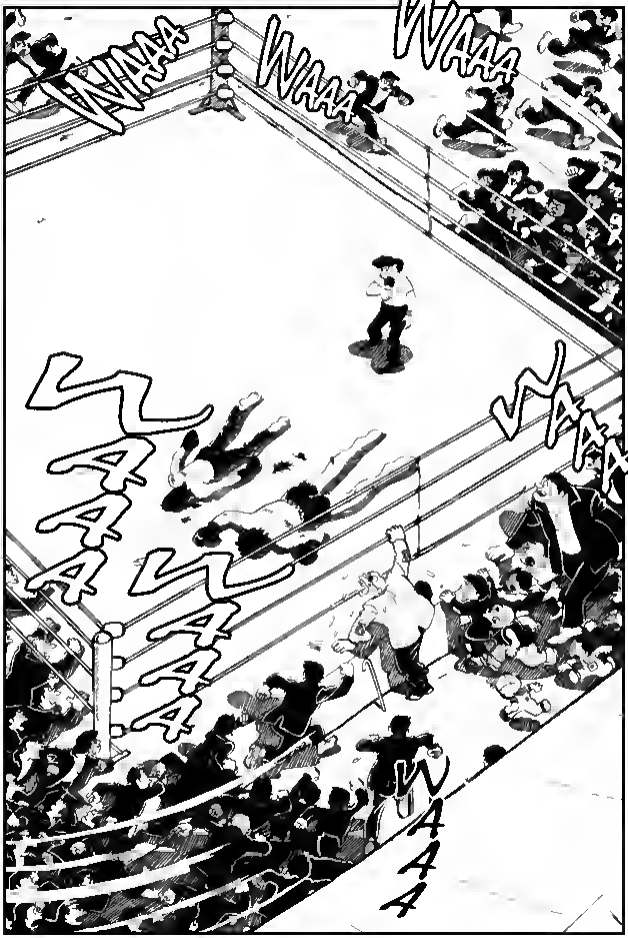
BOTH OF THEM WERE KNOCKED OUT...
KO ...
THIS ...
HU... HUHHH ...
PERFORMING THAT SECRET PUNCH FOR TOMORROW LESSON 3..!
IN ...
SUCCEEDED ...
JOE FINALLY ...
DID IT..
WAAA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AAAAAAAAA
WAAA

HAH ?
NOT JUST 10 SECONDS OR HALF AN HOUR..! THEY PROBABLY STILL WON'T GET UP IN EVEN ONE HOUR !!!
IDIOT !!! THERE'S NO NEED TO COUNT ANYMORE
2
1
WHY WAS RIKISHI WHO KEPT ATTACKING WITH HIS THUNDEROUS STRIKES ALSO KNOCKED DOWN ALONG WITH THAT POWERLESS JOE ???
HE ONLY NEEDED TO SEND IN THE FINISHING BLOW.
WHAT-. WHAT HAPPENED..? RIKISHI WAS STILL STRONG AND..
UHH THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE
AND ALSO BECAUSE OF HIS THUNDEROUS STRIKES THAT HE KEPT THROWING !
THIS IS BECAUSE OF RIKISHI WHO WAS STILL STRONG
IT DOES ACTUALLY
DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE ..?

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MAGIC ..?
HEY OLD MAN ! DID YOU USE YOUR MAGIC UNDER THE RING ???
YOU WANT TO CONFUSE US !!!?
DON'T GIVE US SOME STRANGE REASONS !!!
WHY DON'T YOU EXPLAIN IT TO US ! ALTHOUGH IT'S CONFUSING BUT HOW COME THEY BOTH SLEEP LIKE THAT ???
LOOK.. BOTH OF THEM CAN'T EVEN GET UP ANYMORE
HEHE ...
THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE FOR US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT BOXING IS
THAT PUNCH IS CALLED A CROSS COUNTER !!!!!
JOE'S PUNCH THAT USES THE GREATEST TECHNIQUE IN BOXING TO KNOCK KIKUSHI OUT IS A PUNCH THAT IS ALMOST LIKE MAGIC
AND YES IT IS !
ONE OF YOU SAID THAT THIS WAS MAGIC RIGHT ?

A CROSS PUNCH THAT FORMS THE CROSS SIGN . . .
A REALLY DEADLY COUNTER PUNCH !!!!!
IN OTHER WORDS HIT WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE HIT. A PUNCH THAT CAN CUT YOUR FLESH AND BREAK YOUR BONES !!!
CROSS
COUNTER ?
SO THE CROSS COUNTER HAPPENS WHEN YOU HIT YOUR OPPONENT WHO JUST USED ALL HIS POWER TO HIT YOU AT THE SAME TIME
THAT COULD REALLY KNOCK BACK YOUR OPPONENT AT THE SAME TIME
ON YOUR OPPONENT'S ARM WHO JUST HIT WITH ALL HIS POWER
AND ALSO WHEN YOU'RE THROWING THIS PUNCH. .
AND THAT MAKES THE POWER DOUBLE. THE POWER OF YOUR OWN PUNCH ADDED WITH THE POWER OF YOUR OPPONENT'S PUNCH
IT WILL SURELY CAUSE THE JACK EFFECT !
IF YOUR HAND CROSSES RIGHT ON YOUR OPPONENT'S ARM.

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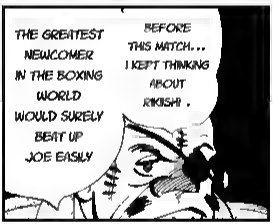
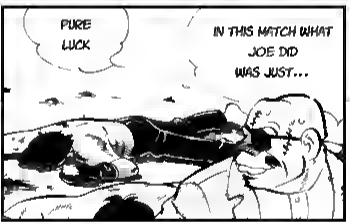
THAT EFFECT WOULD NOT JUST DOUBLE OR TRIPLE THE POWER OF THE PUNCH . IT COULD EVEN QUADRUPLE IT !!!
THE POWER OF A PUNCH LIKE THAT...
..WILL MAKE US NOT STOP SHUDDERING IF WE TRY TO IMAGINE IT !
NOT JUST RIKISHI...
NOT EVEN ANY HUMAN'S BODY COULD POSSIBLY ENDURE A PUNCH LIKE THAT!
MOREOVER, JOE...
WAS ALSO USING THE SPRING FORCE OF THE ROPE

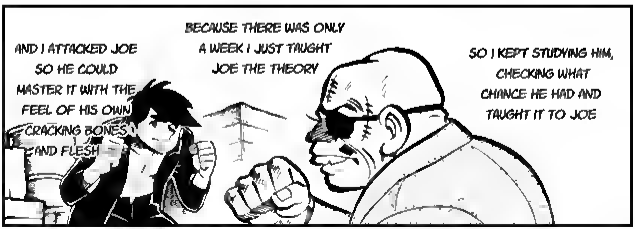
A LONG TIME AGO A DEADLY CROSS COUNTER PUNCH OF JOSE MEDEL, A VICIOUS BOXER FROM MEXICO, DESTROYED TWO JAPANESE BOXERS, SEKI MITSUNORI AND FIGHTING HARADA.

THE MEXICAN BOXER NAMED HIS PUNCH 'MAGIA DE LA CUERDA DEL BORDE' OR 'MAGIC ON THE EDGE OF THE ROPE'. THE POWER OF HIS CROSS COUNTER PUNCH ADDED WITH THE SPRING FORCE OF THE ROPE COULD KILL EVEN A HUMAN.

BOTH MITSUNORI AND HARADA WERE KNOCKED OUT WITH JUST ONE PUNCH. WHEN THAT HAPPENED THEY WERE PUSHING MEDEL TO THE EDGE OF THE ROPE...


THE GREATTEST NEWCOMER IN THE BOXING WORLD WOULD SURELY BEAT UP JOE EASILY
BEFORE THIS MATCH... I KEPT THINKING ABOUT RIKISHI.




AND I ATTACKED JOE SO HE COULD MASTER IT WITH THE FEEL OF HIS OWN CRACKING BONES AND FLESH
BECAUSE THERE WAS ONLY A WEEK I JUST TAUGHT JOE THE THEORY
SO I KEPT STUDYING HIM, CHECKING WHAT CHANCE HE HAD AND TAUGHT IT TO JOE

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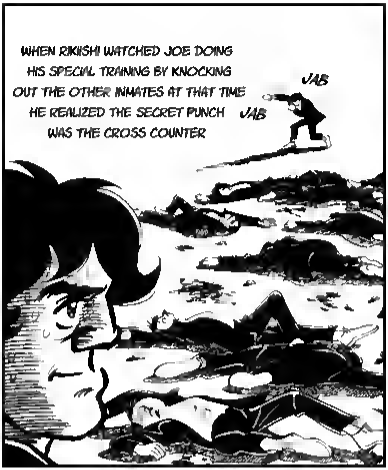
WHEN RIKISHI WATCHED JOE DOING HIS SPECIAL TRAINING BY KNOCKING OUT THE OTHER INMATES AT THAT TIME HE REALIZED THE SECRET PUNCH WAS THE CROSS COUNTER
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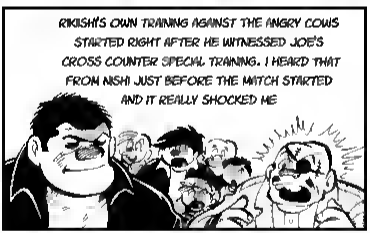
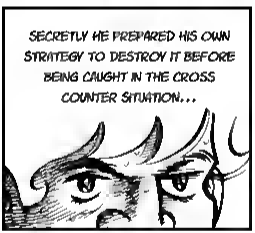
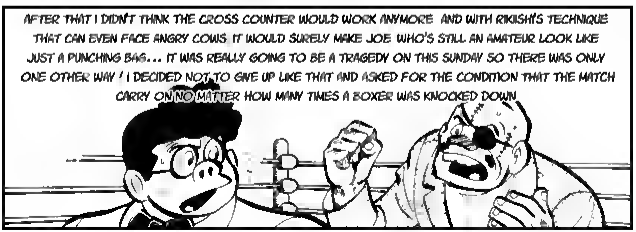
BUT BECAUSE OF THAT I WAS CONDEMNED BY PEOPLE FOR GIVING HIM A REALLY HARD LESSON THAT MADE HIM PASS OUT


RIKISHI'S OWN TRAINING AGAINST THE ANGRY COWS STARTED RIGHT AFTER HE WITNESSED JOE'S CROSS COUNTER SPECIAL TRAINING. I HEARD THAT FROM NISHI JUST BEFORE THE MATCH STARTED AND IT REALLY SHOCKED ME


SECRETLY HE PREPARED HIS OWN STRATEGY TO DESTROY IT BEFORE BEING CAUGHT IN THE CROSS COUNTER SITUATION...


AFTER THAT I DIDN'T THINK THE CROSS COUNTER WOULD WORK ANYMORE AND WITH RIKISHI'S TECHNIQUE THAT CAN EVEN FACE ANGRY COWS IT WOULD SURELY MAKE JOE WHO'S STILL AN AMATEUR LOOK LIKE JUST A PUNCHING BAG... IT WAS REALLY GOING TO BE A TRAGEDY ON THIS SUNDAY SO THERE WAS ONLY ONE OTHER WAY ! I DECIDED NOT TO GIVE UP LIKE THAT AND ASKED FOR THE CONDITION THAT THE MATCH CARRY ON NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES A BOXER WAS KNOCKED DOWN

THEN ...
AT THAT MOMENT I RISKED EVERYTHING..
RIKISHI FINALLY WENT IN WITH ALL THAT HE HAD FOR THE FINISHING BLOW
WHEN JOE WAS BEATEN UP SO BADLY THAT HE COULD BARELY STAND UP ANYMORE...
WON ...!
THEN JOE AND I...
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S ONLY A BOY WHO JUST LEARNED HOW TO BOX AND SUDDENLY HE HAS TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH AGAINST A FAMOUS BOXER
BUT THAT VICTORY WAS NOT EASILY ACQUIRED ...
HEHE ..
OF JOE'S LIMITLESS SPIRIT TO KEEP GETTING BACK UP NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES HE KEPT GETTING KNOCKED DOWN AGAIN AND AGAIN ..
BUT THIS WAS ALSO BECAUSE ...
EARLIER THAT THIS WAS PURE LUCK ...
I SAID ...

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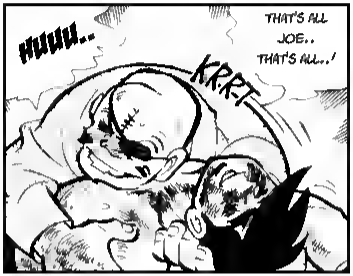
THAT YOU WERE BORN TO THIS WORLD TOO
I.. I'M SO GRATEFUL ...

I HAVE BEEN TO MANY PLACES
AND FINALLY HAD TO SETTLE IN A DIRTY SLUM
I WAS BORN TO BE HATED BY PEOPLE BUT...
BRUK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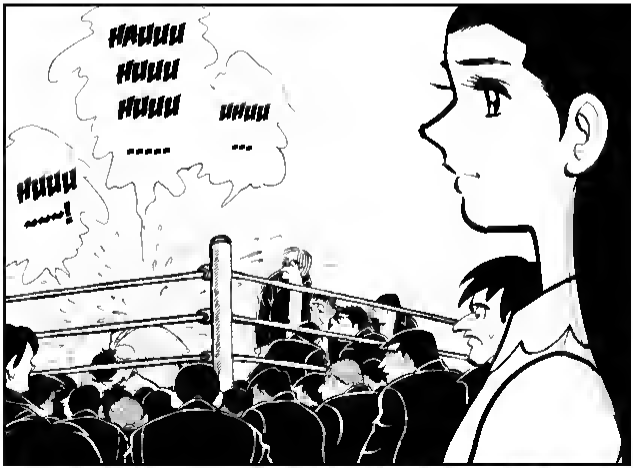
THAT'S ALL JOE.. THAT'S ALL..!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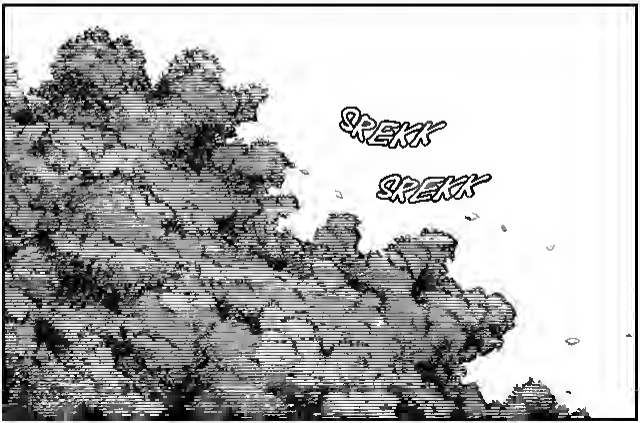
BRING HIM DOWN SLOWLY FROM THE RING
PLEASE BRING KIKUSHI DOWN TOO..
WATCH HIS HEAD
HOLD HIM TIGHTLY
HEY PULL UP THE ROPES !



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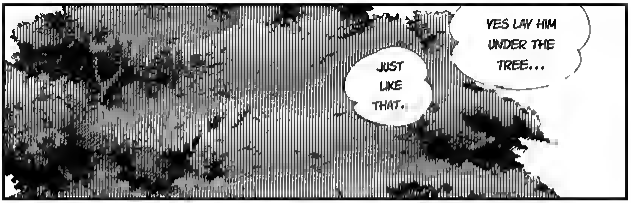
YES LAY HIM UNDER THE TREE...
JUST LIKE THAT..

DON'T WORRY.. THEIR FACES AND BREATHING ARE BACK TO NORMAL ALREADY
ARE THEY OKAY ?
THEY WILL WAKE UP IN A FEW MINUTES

HEY DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE !
JUST LET THEM SLEEP..

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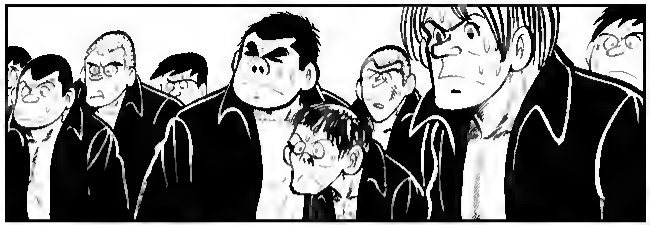

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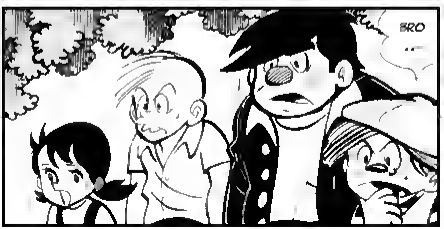
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KRIIK KRIIKK
KRIIK KRIK
MR. DIANTE! PLEASE COME WITH ME..
SSS HH ...
BUT AFTER SEEING THAT MATCH EARLIER THE OTHER INMATES HAVE BECAME SCARED AND LOST THEIR GUTS
WE WERE GOING TO MAKE A TOURNAMENT BETWEEN THE CELLS BUT..
OUR PLAN
WHAT IS IT ?
SO HOW ABOUT WE HAVE ANOTHER MATCH TODAY..?

HAH ?
I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO HAVE ANOTHER MATCH ANYMORE
WHY DON'T YOU LOOK AT THE RING ?
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
HAND OVER THOSE GLOVES !!!
NO WAY ! I GOT THEM FIRST.. YOU BETTER LET ME GO
OOH.. PLEASE LEMME GO..
YOU CAN'T DO THAT !!!
HOW DARE YOU WEAR THOSE SHORTS !!!
THE FIRST MATCH WILL BE FROM OUR CELL
HEY OUT OF THE RING !!!

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I WANT TO HAVE A MATCH TOO...
LET ME INTO THE RING..
YOU THINK YOU CAN DECIDE THE ORDER BECAUSE YOU GOT IN FIRST !!?
OR JUST START FROM CELL NO.1, NO.2, NO.3 AND NEXT..
LET'S DECIDE IT WITH JAN KEN PON..
MOVE PLEASE.. I WANT TO GET IN TOO...
JUST GO AWAY !!!
WHAT CAN A WORM LIKE YOU DO !!?
YOU DAMN STUBBORN KID !!!
BRUKK
LEND ME THOSE GLOVES
BUT I REALLY WANT ...
LET ME BOX TOO..
GO AWAY !!!
A WEAK KID LIKE YOU SHOULD JUST STAY QUIETLY AT RINGSIDE
BRUKK

WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
NOT FIGHT !
I WANT TO BOX..
THIS IS A SPORT
SO I DESERVE A CHANCE TO DO IT TOO
EVEN THAT AOYAMA WHO'S HATED BY THE OTHER KIDS AND IS ALWAYS BEING MOCKED AS A RAW PUMPKIN IS ALSO IN IT. .
WHAT.. WHAT'S THIS RUCKUS ABOUT ?

IM PRESSED ?
IT LOOKS LIKE.. THEY'RE ALL IMPRESSED
I THINK I CAN UNDERSTAND THEIR FEELINGS
THE DEADLY CROSS COUNTER THAT KNOCKED THEM OUT
AND ALSO THAT PUNCH ...
THE FIGHT BETWEEN TWO MEN.. JOE WHO WOULD ALWAYS GET UP EVEN THOUGH HE KEPT BEING KNOCKED DOWN...
THERE WERE A FEW THINGS THAT HAPPENED ..
IN THE MATCH BETWEEN JOE AND RIKISHI ...
YES I IMPRESSED
EVERYONE WAS IMPRESSED BECAUSE OF THOSE THINGS
THERE ARE ALSO GREAT TECHNIQUES AND THEORIES HIDDEN UNDERNEATH
AND ALSO THERE'S A GREAT STRATEGY BEHIND THE INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED TO THEM
...
...
I FINALLY KNOW WHAT A MAN'S INSTINCT FEELS LIKE.. I HAVEN'T REACHED THAT STAGE YET BUT I'M SURE I COULD DO IT TOO
BOXING IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE POWER OF YOUR FIST ANYMORE

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I ONLY DOMITED THE GEARS AND THINGS
I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY ANYTHING AT ALL
TOO LATE ...
SO HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO HANDLE IT ?
THAT'S RIGHT.. I NEVER THOUGHT IT WENT THAT FAR
THE REASON THOSE INMATES ARE CRAZY ABOUT BOXING ...
BESIDES THE PROMOTER HAS CHANGED
I REALLY HOPE YOU COULD SHARE YOUR OPINION AS THE PROMOTER OF THIS BOXING MATCH...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THEIR SWEAT AND DETERMINATION THAT THE INMATES WERE IMPRESSED
NISHI IS RIGHT
IS ALL BECAUSE OF THE LIFE THREATENING MATCH OF JOE AND KRISHI!
THE ORDER HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED YET. NOT EVEN THE REFEREES HAS BEEN PICKED BUT THE MATCH IS ABOUT TO BEGIN
LOOK ...
THAT'S RIGHT !!!
INSTEAD SEE THE GOOD SIDE OF THEIR SPIRIT OF THEM
YOU SHOULD NOT TRY TO EXTINGUISH THEIR BURNING SPIRIT
SIR ..

I WILL DRAG AND KICK THE PERSON WHO WON'T LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY OUT OF THE RING.. UNDERSTOOD ?
YOU TWO GET IT ? I'M THE REFEREE NOW
BUK BUK
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
HEHEHE.. LET'S JUST START THE MATCH
UNDERSTOOD
SOUND THE BELL !
THE MATCH STARTS NOW
THIS IS RIDICULOUS ! CAN HE REALLY BOX ...?
BUT THAT'S AOYAMA...
HEH... NISHI IS THE REFEREE ?
WOOO
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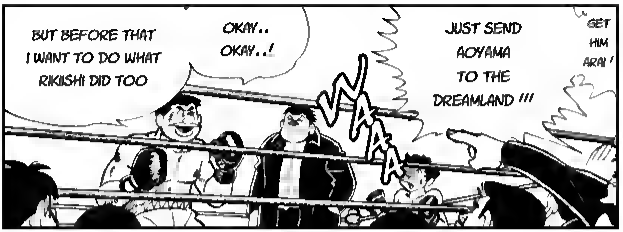
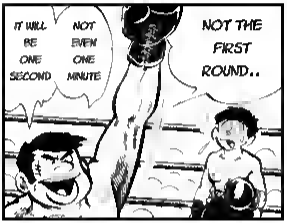
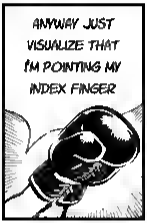
HEY SOUND THE BELL
COUNT THE TIME TOO


BUT BEFORE THAT I WANT TO DO WHAT RIKISHI DID TOO
OKAY.. OKAY..!
JUST SEND AOYAMA TO THE DREAMLAND !!!
GET HIM ARA !


IT WILL BE ONE SECOND
NOT EVEN ONE MINUTE
NOT THE FIRST ROUND..


ANYWAY JUST VISUALIZE THAT I'M POINTING MY INDEX FINGER

EHH.. I FORGOT THE GLOVE IS ON ALREADY SO YOU CAN'T SEE MY FINGER
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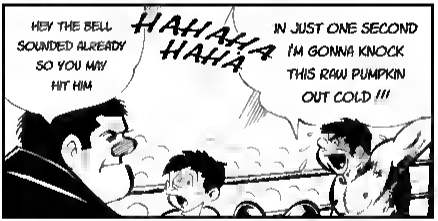
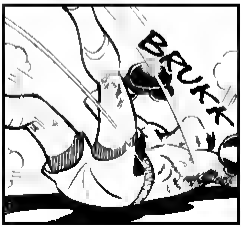
OKAY..


HEY THE BELL SOUNDED ALREADY SO YOU MAY HIT HIM
HAHAHA HAHA
IN JUST ONE SECOND I'M GONNA KNOCK THIS RAW PUMPKIN OUT COLD !!!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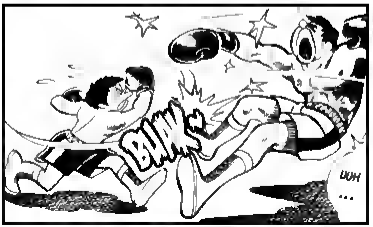
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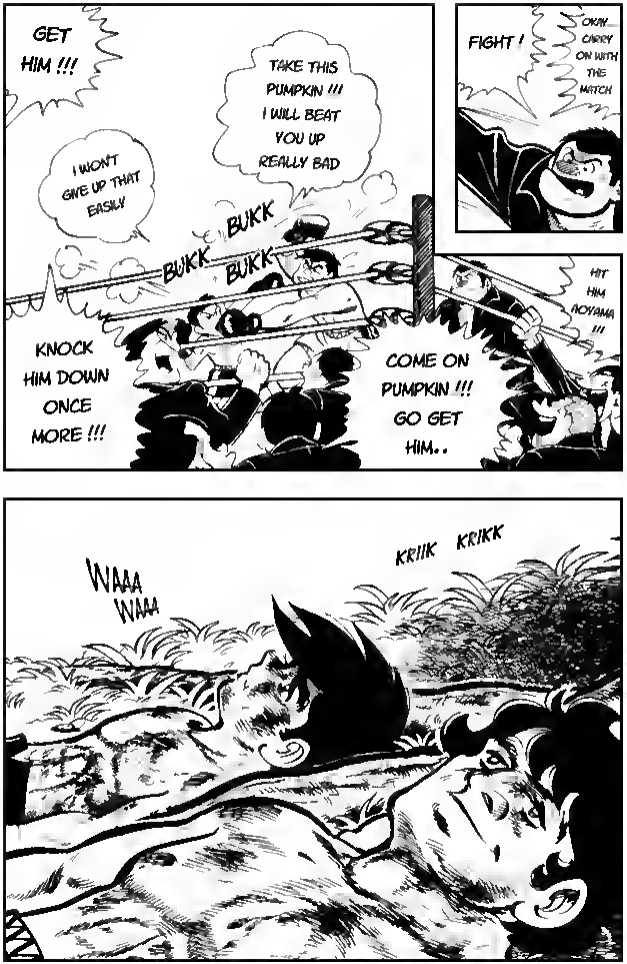
UUH ...

TO THE NEUTRAL CORNER
I DID I DID IT..
WAAA
IT'S ARAI THAT WENT DOWN !!!
DOES HE REALLY KNOW HOW TO BOX ?
1
2
AFTER I PUNCHED HIM.
HE.. HE'S DOWN..
EAT TH..
WAIT
4
3
JUST WAIT..
DAMN!
5
WAAA
WAAA
I KNOW THAT !!!
!
...
IF YOU DON'T OBEY THE REFEREE YOU WILL BE KICKED OUT OF THE RING
HEY
I HAVE TO CHECK YOUR CONDITION FIRST
LET GO !!!



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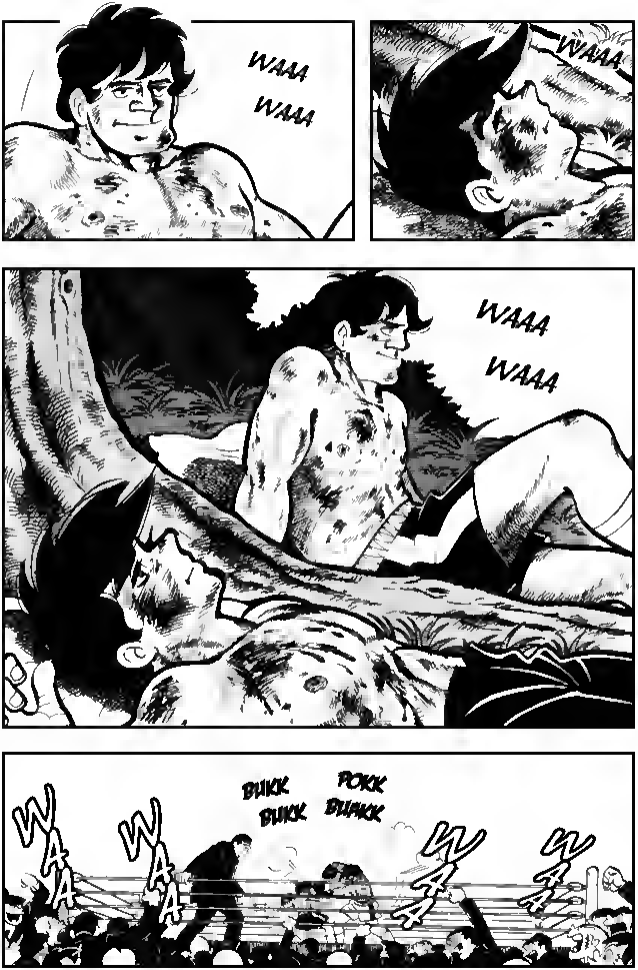
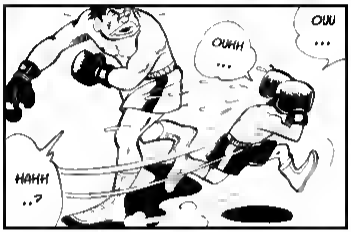
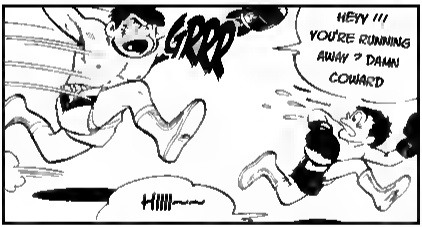

WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
BUKK
BUKK
POKK
BUAKK
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA

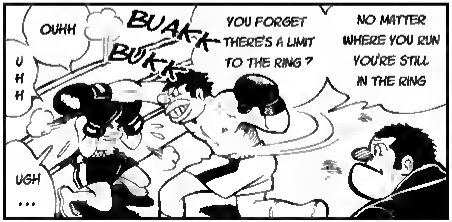
COME ON ! HIT HIM AGAIN
WHERE'S THAT SPIRIT FROM BEFORE !!?
WHAT'S WRONG AOYAMA ???

DAMN YOU EAT THIS !!!
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
HIIII~~

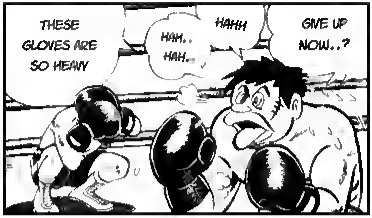

OUU ...
OUHH ...
HAHH ..?

I'M JUST DOING WHAT JOE DID
I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY..


GRRR
HEYY !!! YOU'RE RUNNING AWAY ? DAMN COWARD
HIIII~~


OUHH
UHH
UGH ...
BUAK-K
BUKK
YOU FORGET THERE'S A LIMIT TO THE RING ?
NO MATTER WHERE YOU RUN YOU'RE STILL IN THE RING

DAMN YOU ! HOW DARE YOU TRY TO SHOW OFF

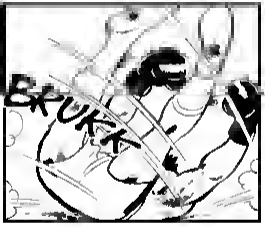

THESE GLOVES ARE SO HEAVY
HAH.. HAH..
HAHH
GIVE UP NOW..?

BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
TAKING COVER UNDER THESE BIG GLOVES IS REALLY USEFUL

EIT.. EIT..
DAAAMN ...

YOU ...
HAH ?

ARE YOU TIRED ALREADY ?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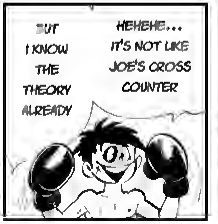
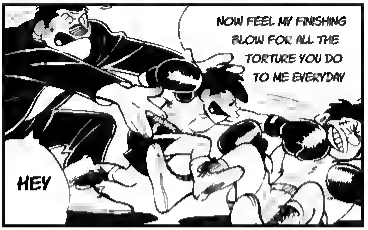
HERE CROSS COUNTER PUNCH !
POW


BUT I KNOW THE THEORY ALREADY
HEHEHE... IT'S NOT LIKE JOE'S CROSS COUNTER

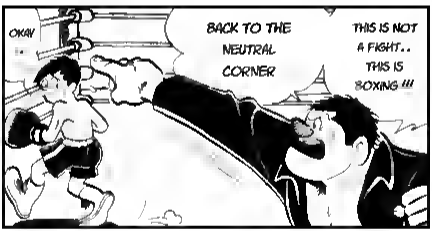
RAW PUMPKIN.. YOU'RE GOOD !
Wooo
SO IT'S TWICE NOW
HE DID IT !!! HE'S DOWN AGAIN...
Wooo

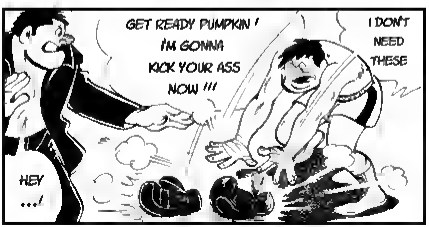

NOW FEEL MY FINISHING BLOW FOR ALL THE TORTURE YOU DO TO ME EVERYDAY
HEY

HEHE SERVES YOU RIGHT
3
2
1
OUH ...
DAMN ...

BUT THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE TO TAKE REVENGE ON HIM
THAT'S NOT ALLOWED - YOU COULD BE DISQUALIFIED

DAMN YOOUUU ...!


OKAY
BACK TO THE NEUTRAL CORNER
THIS IS NOT A FIGHT.. THIS IS BOXING !!!


GET READY PUMPKIN ! I'M GONNA KICK YOUR ASS NOW !!!
I DON'T NEED THESE
HEY ...!

BECAUSE I'M WEARING THESE HEAVY GLOVES MY PUNCHES HAVE NO EFFECT AT ALL

I WILL KNOCK HIM OUT WITH MY BARE FISTS !
NO WAY !!!
PUT YOUR GLOVES BACK ON
YOU TOO.. DON'T BE CONFUSED WITH FIGHTING AND BOXING
WE ARE HAVING A BOXING MATCH RIGHT NOW BUT YOU TOOK THE BOXING GLOVES OFF
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING..?
WHA-
HUUAAH ...?
SRRT
THE WINNER IS AOYAMA..
HEY REFEREE ! DECLARE AOYAMA AS THE WINNER
SO WE HAVE TO PULL YOU OUT OF THE RING AND YOU LOSE THIS MATCH
WHY.. HEYYY
PLOK
PLOK
PLOK
DAMN.. DAAMN !!!

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I THINK THIS IS A GOOD THING
BUT ...
APPLY THE RULES ON ALL OF THEM LIKE NOW ?
WHEN CAN WE POSSIBLY ...
HEHEHE... IT IS.. IT'S A FREE STYLE BOXING MATCH
THIS MATCH LOOKS LIKE A STREET FIGHT
WAAA
WAAA
RIKIISHI AND JOE !
ALTHOUGH THEY'RE HAVING A MATCH FILLED WITH HATRED THEY'RE ALSO LEARNING TO BOX TO THE END JUST LIKE THE RULES STATE. THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF THOSE TWO...
BUT NOW ON THEIR OWN THEY BEGIN TO ABIDE BY THE RULES WITH NO ONE FORCING THEM
THEY WERE SENT TO THIS JUVENILE PRISON BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T OBEY THE RULES
WAAA
WAAA

THE SWEAT SPURTING OUT AND THE KNOCKDOWNS THAT HAPPEN REALLY GIVE A GREAT IMPRESSION. WITH THAT IMPRESSION THE HARSH RULES HAVE BEEN SUCKED DEEP INTO THEIR HEARTS WITHOUT THEM KNOWING
WHAT YOU SAID IS REALLY TRUE MISS
THAT'S RIGHT
HIHI. LOOKS LIKE THE PERSON MOST IMPRESSED IS MR. DAIMEI AFTER ALL
THE WEIGHT OF THE GLOVES WILL BE REDUCED IN HALF IF YOU DO THAT AND THE POWER OF YOUR PUNCH WILL INCREASE TOO
HEY YOU TWO !!! HOLD YOUR GLOVES TIGHTER
WAAA
DOWN
WAAA
DID IT !!!

ASHITA NO JOE

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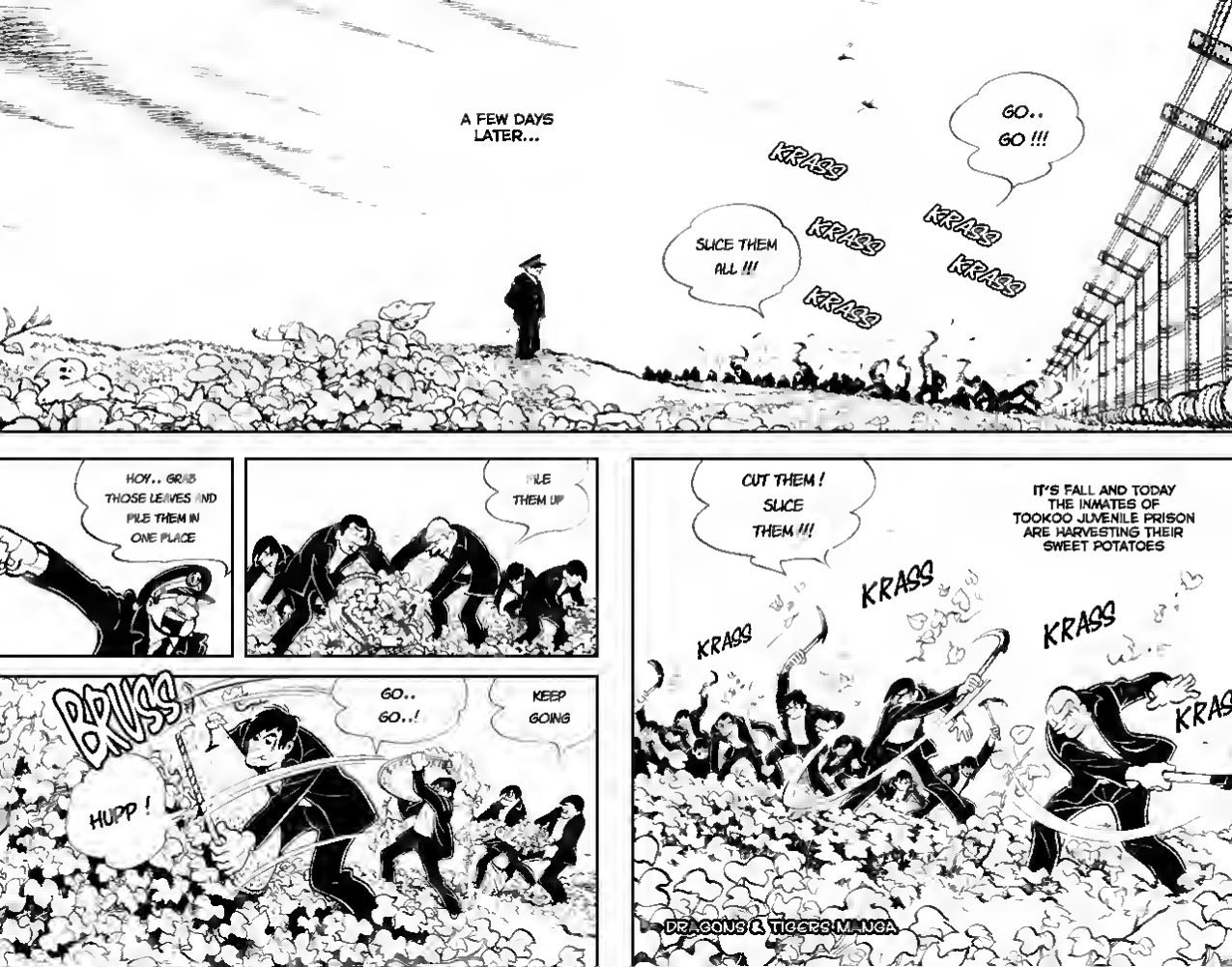
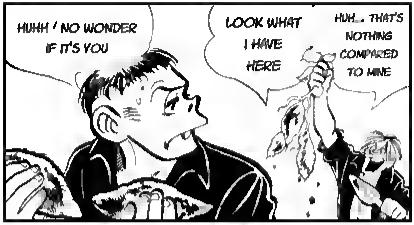
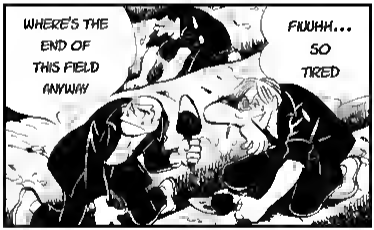
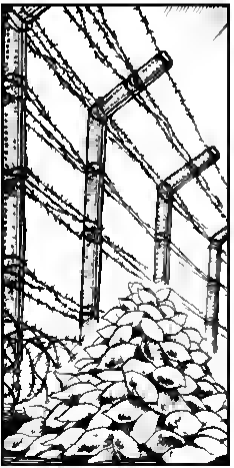
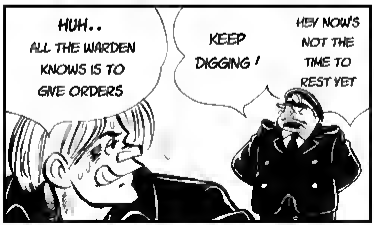

A FEW DAYS LATER...
KRASS
KRASS
KRASS
KRASS
KRASS
GO.. GO !!!
SLICE THEM ALL !!!
HOY.. GRAB THOSE LEAVES AND PILE THEM IN ONE PLACE
PILE THEM UP
BRUSS
HUPP !
GO.. GO..!
KEEP GOING
CUT THEM ! SLICE THEM !!!
KRASS
KRASS
KRASS
KRAS
IT'S FALL AND TODAY THE INMATES OF TOOKOO JUVENILE PRISON ARE HARVESTING THEIR SWEET POTATOES
DRAGONS & TIGERS MANGA

DAMN YOU ! WATCH WHERE YOU ARE THROWING
DIG.. DIG DEEPER
IF YOU'LL ALL DONE WITH THE LEAVES THE NEXT GROUP CAN START DIGGING ! DIG DEEP SO THAT IT'S EASY TO PULL THE SWEET POTATOES
SORRY.. SORRY
SROK
DIG DIG..
SROK
HARVESTING STARTS NOW
OKAY.. NEXT GROUP !
LET'S START
I WILL DIG OUT ONE BIG SWEET POTATO
THIS IS IT !
YEAH!
SROK
SROK









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WHY IS HE JUST SITTING THERE
HEY WHAT'S JOE DOING .?
SINCE HIS MATCH HE HASN'T PARTICIPATED IN ANY GROUP DUTY AT ALL
HMMPH.. USELESS BOY
JOE'S JUST SITTING OVER THERE
MR. WARDEN YOU BETTER CHECK THAT
MY OWN WAY ..?
BUT I'M DOING IT MY OWN WAY
I AM !
DIG ..?
HELP YOUR FRIENDS DIG THOSE SWEET POTATOES
HEY JOE WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING ?
IT'S GOOD RIGHT ?
HERE.. I GOT ALL THE BIG ONES
HAH ..?
HE HE

LUCKILY MY FINGERS WERE ONLY CUT A LITTLE
THESE SWEET POTATOES ARE GOOD
WHY ARE THEY BLEEDING ?
HAHH..? YOUR.. YOUR HANDS...
THAT'S RIGHT.. I'M DIGGING
HAHH? THE SWEET POTATOES ARE COVERED IN BLOOD TOO ?
SO THAT MEANS I'M NOT SLACKING OFF
PLUK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
JOE !
THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THE BLOODY SWEET POTATOES...
WHAT HAPPENED ?
JOE ..
LEAVE ME ALONE ! GO AWAY !!! DON'T INTERFERE WITH WHAT I'M DOING
SHUT UP !!!
JOE ..?

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IF THE SUN SETS THERE WON'T BE ANY TIME LEFT FOR BOXING FOR YOU ALL
IF YOU SLACK OFF THE SUN WILL SET SOON
NOW DIG UP THE STONES AND PULL OUT THE WEEDS
DON'T WASTE TIME.. GO PULL OUT THE WEEDS !
COLLECT THE STONES AND WEEDS THEN PILE THEM UNDER THAT BARBED WIRE FENCE !
HEHE HE..
LIFT IT TOGETHER
HEAVE HO..
HUH ! THIS STONE JUST KEEPS GETTING BIGGER NO MATTER HOW DEEP WE DIG
DAMN.. THE ROOT IS SO DEEP !
STONE ? THAT'S A DAMN ROCK FOR SURE !

HEY LOOK AT THAT...
DAMN.. SO TIRED
HAH HAHH..
HAH ...
...
WHAT THE HELL DOES HE WANT ANYWAY..
HE'S PLAYING AROUND AGAIN
UUH HHH ...
UHH ...
KRAK
BRUKK
U G H ...

HAHH HAH..
HAH
HE NEEDS 2 OR 3 MINUTES JUST TO PULL OUT A TINY WEED LIKE THAT
REALLY FUNNY
HEHE ...
SPEK
SPEK
SPEK
HAH HAH..
HAHH ...
HOHH ..
IT'S JOE AGAIN..
HMM ...
SPEK
SPEK
SPEK
RRR
HEY MOVE.. MOVE IT !!!

WHUT
IT'S MORE EFFICIENT IF YOU USE A TOOL
WE HAVE A SHOVEL JOE!
CRAK
AAH!
IF YOU'RE PLAYING AROUND LIKE THAT THE SUN WILL SET SOON
THAT'S NOT ALLOWED
SO JUST LEAVE ME ALONE
I'M WORKING HARD HERE
HUH.. I DON'T NEED A SHOVEL
...
IF YOU REALLY HAVE THE TIME TO PREACH LIKE THAT WHY DON'T YOU SHARE IT WITH THOSE GUYS WHO ARE JUST WATCHING US?
IT'S FINE AS LONG AS I DON'T PASS THE TIME LIMIT RIGHT?
I'M NOT PLAYING AROUND

BUT IF WE LOOK AT THE RESULT.. HIS WORK IS MUCH BETTER THAN THE OTHERS SO WE REALLY CAN'T SAY ANYTHING
THE HELL WITH HIM... I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S DOING AT ALL

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START NOW ...!
NOW TO THE LAST ONE.. EVERYONE HOEING !!!
NO NEED TO LOOSEN THE SOIL ANYMORE
THIS IS REALLY TOO MUCH !
WE'RE NOT HERE TO BECOME FARMERS
DAMN HIM ! WHY THE HELL DOES HE KEEP ORDERING US TO WORK
HUH
DEEPER !!!
KEEP HOEING
HUH.. DAMN !
AFTER THIS HELLISH FARMING DUTY A FUN BOXING TRAINING SESSION AWAITS US
COME ON . STOP WHINING

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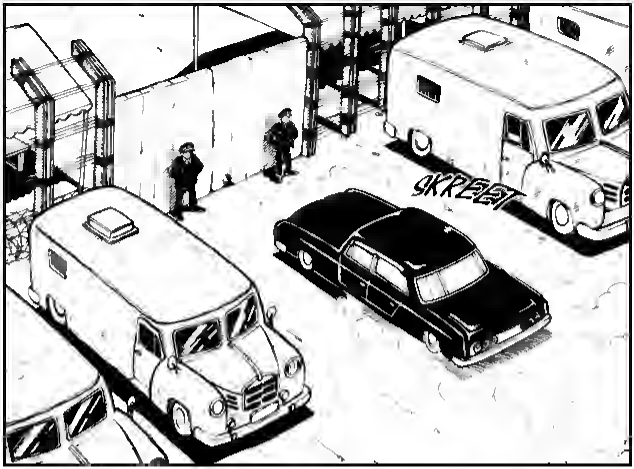
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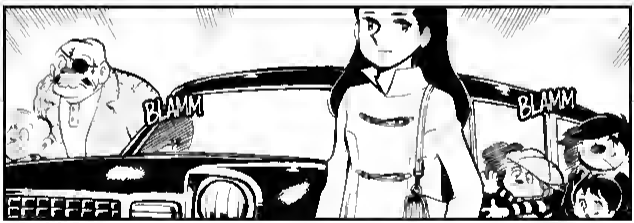
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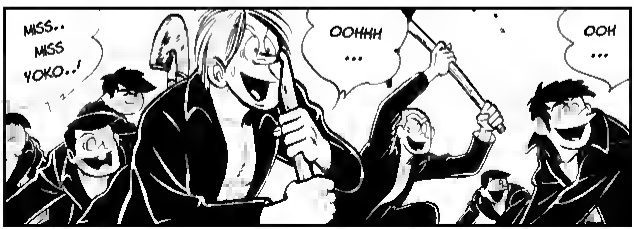

MISS.. MISS YOKO..!
OOHHH ...
OOH ...

BUT I QUIT BEING A SUNDAY PERSON
MAYBE THIS DOESN'T SOUND GOOD
UHM...
TODAY IS NOT SUNDAY.. WHY ARE YOU VISITING A DIRTY PLACE LIKE THIS..?
ISN'T THAT MISS YOKO..?
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU ALL..
IF I MAY, I WANT TO HELP TOO...
THE INMATES' LIVES ON NORMAL DAYS
I WANT TO SEE...
HIEHIE HEHHE
SHE IS GOING TO COME ON NORMAL DAYS TOO
HEHE.. DID YOU HEAR THAT ?
OOH ...
O.. OKAY..
KEEP WORKING !!! SHOW YOUR SPIRIT TO MISS YOKO !!!!!
HEY, ALL OF YOU.. DON'T SLACK OFF !!!

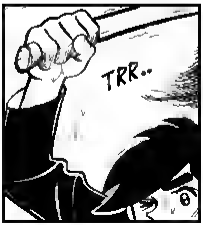
HEY
HI
HELLO NISHI
HEY, WE HAVE COME AGAIN NISHI

WHERE'S BROTHER JOB WORKING AT ?
NISHI.. WHERE'S OUR BOSS ?

MISS YOKO INVITED US TO COME WITH HER

WHY ARE YOU ALL HERE TODAY ?
WHAT A SURPRISE THAT YOU GUYS CAME

YOUR BOSS IS PLAYING AROUND SWINGING THE HOE BY HIMSELF OVER THERE
THERE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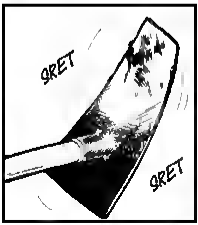
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HE'S WORKING WITH ONLY ONE HAND AND THE OTHER IS IN HIS POCKET. WHY IS HE DOING SOMETHING WEIRD LIKE THAT ?
IS BROTHER JOE REALLY PLAYING AROUND..?
DID HE INJURE HIS LEFT ARM ?
BUT WHY IS HE HOEING LIKE THAT ?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE MEANS BY DOING THOSE THINGS BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE REALLY JUST WANTS TO BREAK HIS BONES
EVEN WHEN PULLING OUT WEEDS HE ONLY USED 2 FINGERS TO PULL THE ROOT AND HE KEPT DOING THAT ALTHOUGH IT MADE HIM OUT OF BREATH REAL FAST
WHILE DIGGING FOR SWEET POTATOES TOO HE PULLED THEM ALL WITH JUST HIS BARE HANDS
HE'S BEEN LIKE THAT
LATELY
HMM ..?
IS JOE MAYBE LINKING THOSE CHORES WITH BOXING..?
THIS IS JUST MY THOUGHT OLD MAN...
DIGGING THE SWEET POTATOES AND THE WEEDS TOO .?

HAH ?
HE'S TRYING TO MAKE HIS DAILY DUTIES PASS AS HIS BOXING TRAINING ...
I REALLY THINK ...
EVEN HIS EYES HAVE CHANGED ...
JOE HAS CHANGED SINCE HIS MATCH WITH RIKISHI...
JOE ...
THAT'S REALLY TRUE..
IF ...
I'M NOW CERTAIN THAT JOE WILL BECOME A REALLY GREAT BOXER
UFHH ...
KRAK
WHATT

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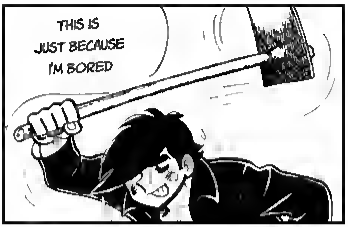
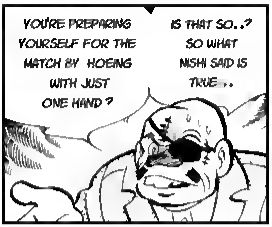
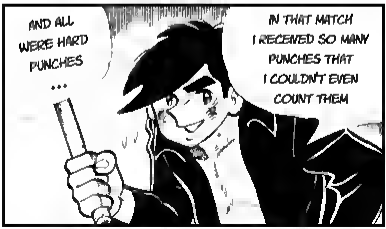
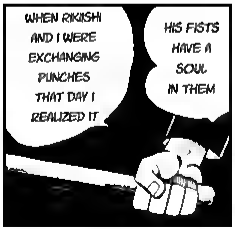
IT'S BEEN A WHILE ...
HELLO GRAMPS
HAH HAHA..
HAH..
HAH ..
DID YOU KNOW THAT NEXT SUNDAY THERE WILL BE A BOXING MATCH ?
HEHE... WHY AM I DOING THIS ?
W.. WHHATT ..???
JOE.. WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS ?
FINALLY, NOW WE GET TO SEE WHO REALLY WOULD WIN BETWEEN ME AND RIKISHI
BOXING MATCH . A REAL BOXING TOURNAMENT
THERE WON'T BE A DOUBLE KO
THIS TIME ...
BUT IF THAT YOKO SHIRAKI HAS COME, LOOKS LIKE IT WILL START NEXT WEEK
ALL I KNOW IS THAT IT WILL START ON A SUNDAY
WHEN WHEN DOES IT START ?









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YES, THAT KIND OF PUNCH
THAT IS A REALLY GOOD PUNCH
HIS PUNCH IS REALY ACCURATE AND HIS WRIST IS SCREWING FAST. IT HAS THAT...
THINKING BACK ...
WHIZZING SOUND
BRAAK
BUT.. IF I ONLY STRENGTHEN MY WRIST I KNOW IT STILL WON'T BE GOOD ENOUGH TO KNOCK RIKIISHI DOWN
TEACH ME ALL OF THEM.. NOW !
ALSO FOR TOMORROW LESSONS 5 AND 6
FOR THE FOR TOMORROW LESSON 4
I'M WAITING FOR YOU GRAMPS
JOE ....

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HEHE
HEHHE
JUJT
HE
HE
JAB
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THAT'S WHY I NEED YOU TO TEACH ME ! PLEASE TEACH ME FOR TOMORROW LESSON 4...
THAT'S WHY..
LESSON 5.. LESSON 6... ALL OF THEM !
I SEE ...
SO THERE WILL BE A MATCH SOON
YOU'RE TOO SPOILED
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN MASTERED THE 1ST 2ND OR 3RD LESSONS PROPERLY YET
DON'T BE GREEDY JOE
SPEK
SPEK
...

WHY ARE YOU ACTING SO COLD..
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU ?
...
GO BACK TO LOOSENING THE SOIL
ANYWAY THIS IS STILL DUTY TIME
OUH!
OKAY ...
I SAID CONTINUE YOUR WORK !
USE THE STYLE YOU USED EARLIER
YOU DAMN IDIOT !! DON'T WORK THE NORMAL WAY
KRAK

HUH... YOU'RE SO NOISY
HAAA
THIS ?
LOWER YOUR WAIST
USE YOUR WRIST.. USE IT !!!
FARM WORK FOR TODAY IS DONE !
STOP !
HMM ...
TIME'S UP

COME ON... LET'S TURN THIS BORING FIELD INTO A FUN BOXING ARENA
GO GO GO..
LET'S PRACTICE

IT'S OVER !!! FINALLY !!!
YEAAH
HOOO
HOOO

AUH ..
OOPS SORRY
IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH IF IT'S ONLY LIKE THIS
GET THE ROPE FROM THE SHACK !
HEY DON'T JUST STAND THERE.. HELP OUT
HOLD IT FIRMLY
YOU BETTER NOT HIT THE WRONG TARGET
DAMN.. THIS IS HEAVY

HEY RAISE IT UP HIGHER
TIE IT FIRMLY
THIS SANDBAG IS HEAVY
HE HE ...
THEY SAID WORK IS DONE GRAMPS
DONE NOW
HURRY UP IT'S LATE ALREADY
THAT'S TOO HIGH... CAN'T HIT IT IF IT'S THERE
YEAHH.. IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD IF THE ROPE IS LOOSE
PULL HARDER !
AHH MY HAND IS STUCK
HOLD IT !
AN IDIOT WILL ALWAYS BE AN IDIOT
IT FEELS LIKE MY BODY IS MUCH STRONGER WITH THEM
I WANT THE GLOVES TOO
EVEN IF THEY'RE ALL DIRTY FROM SWEAT AND DIRT THEY STILL FEEL GOOD WHEN YOU WEAR THEM
HERE THE GLOVES FROM MY BELOVED MISS YOKO
HUH... YOU TRYING TO BE LIKE RIKISHI ?
DON'T PUSH

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IT'S PRACTICE TIME NOW... YOU GOING TO TEACH ME OR NOT !!?
HEY !
EVERYTHING IS SET. LET'S PRACTICE OUR PUNCHES
HOW DARE HE DO THAT !!
HE'S REALLY NOT LISTENING TO BROTHER JOE AT ALL
WHAT'S THAT CRAZY GRAMPS DOING ?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN..?
WHA
I'M GOING TO TRAIN THOSE PEOPLE
JUST KEEP DIGGING WITH THAT HOE
YES ...
IS ABOUT STRENGTHENING YOUR ARM JUST LIKE HOW YOU ARE DOING RIGHT NOW
THAT FOR TOMORROW LESSON 4 THAT I WAS GOING TO TEACH YOU..
THERE'S NO NEED ANYMORE
THE MATCHES ARE JUST IN A FEW DAYS.. WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO TEACH ME ?!

WHY DON'T YOU GO AND TILL THE SOIL WITH JUST ONE ARM UNTIL YOU REACH THE FENCE
IF YOU REALLY WANT SOME TRAINING FROM ME
AND THERE'S NOTHING MORE I CAN TEACH YOU NOW
THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO TEACH YOU
SO STRENGTHEN YOUR WRIST
I'M LEAVING ...
IF YOU GET WHAT I MEAN THEN THERE'S NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT ANYMORE RIGHT ?
HAH ?
IT'S NOT FUN AT ALL IF I HAVE TO PRACTICE THE FOR TOMORROW LESSON 4 BY MYSELF
HUH
WHY IS HE SO MEAN TODAY..?
GRANDPA IS MEAN..
DAAA MMNN !!!!!
DA ...

HIIII ...
WHOOT
IF THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT I WILL DIG UNTIL THAT FENCE !!!
JUST YOU SEE !!!
EIII ...
IS PLAYING WITH THE PIGS AT THE RANCH
CLIK!
RIKISHI ...
SO SPIRITED ...

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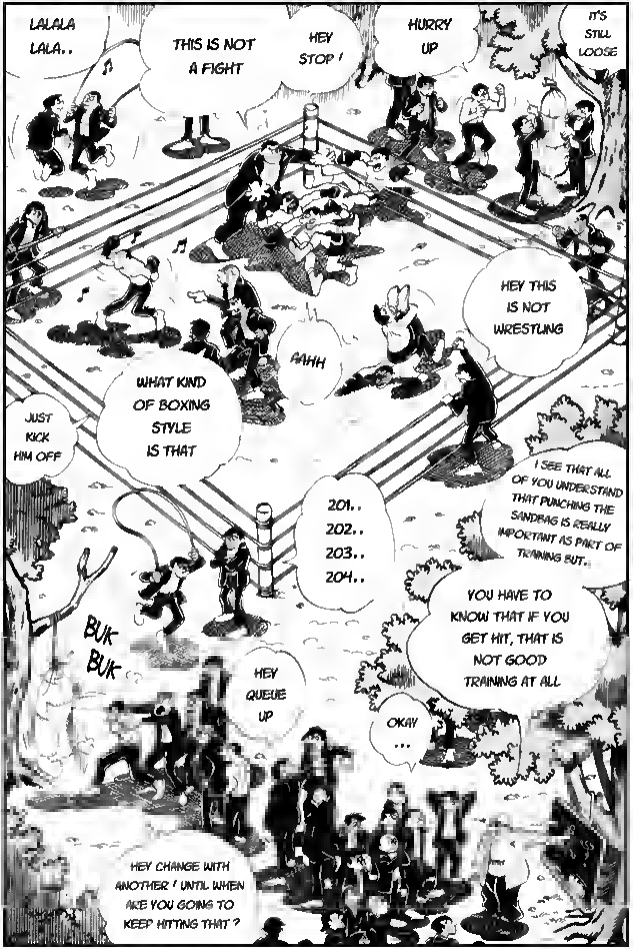
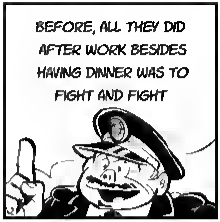
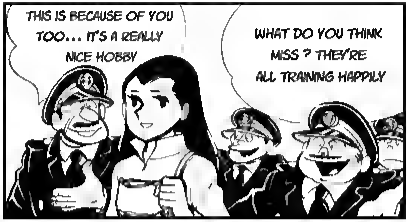
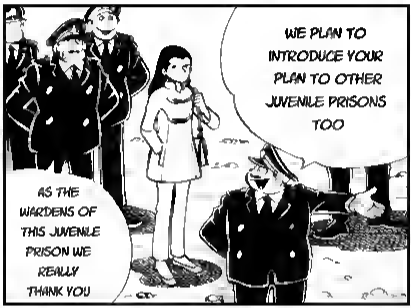
SORRY
EH.. THE SOIL HIT YOU ?
JUST GO AWAY !!!
SO DON'T INTERRUPT MY WORK
...
AHH ...
WHAT DID YOU SAY ?
YOU ...
YOU REALLY ...
DON'T BLAME ME IF THE MUD LANDS ON YOU AGAIN
GO NOW !
I DON'T HAVE ANY FREE TIME MONEY OR EVEN FREEDOM LIKE YOU
OF COURSE, I'M DIFFERENT THAN YOU MISS
HMM PHH ...
IT ALWAYS SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE BEING CHASED BY SOME THING
YOU CAN NEVER CALM DOWN

AND ALSO TO KEEP MY PRIDE !
OR MAKE FUN OF ME
SO THAT NO ONE WILL DARE TO STEP ON ME
I HAVE TO WORK REAL HARD TO LIVE IN THIS JUVENILE NEIGHBORHOOD
I CAN NEVER TAKE IT EASY HERE
KRAK
KRAK
WHAT DID YOU SAY ?
WORTHLESS HUMAN !
DAAMN
FUCK !!!
SORRY
OH THE SOIL HIT YOU ?
TAK
...

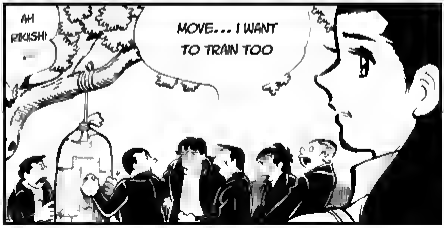

LALALA LALA..
THIS IS NOT A FIGHT
HEY STOP !
HURRY UP
IT'S STILL LOOSE
HEY THIS IS NOT WRESTLING
AAHH
WHAT KIND OF BOXING STYLE IS THAT
JUST KICK HIM OFF
I SEE THAT ALL OF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT PUNCHING THE SANDBAG IS REALLY IMPORTANT AS PART OF TRAINING BUT..
201..
202..
203..
204..
YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT IF YOU GET HIT, THAT IS NOT GOOD TRAINING AT ALL
BUK BUK
HEY QUEUE UP
OKAY ...
HEY CHANGE WITH ANOTHER ! UNTIL WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP HITTING THAT ?

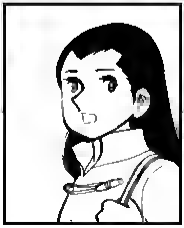

BEFORE, ALL THEY DID AFTER WORK BESIDES HAVING DINNER WAS TO FIGHT AND FIGHT


THIS IS BECAUSE OF YOU TOO... IT'S A REALLY NICE HOBBY
WHAT DO YOU THINK MISS ? THEY'RE ALL TRAINING HAPPILY


WE PLAN TO INTRODUCE YOUR PLAN TO OTHER JUVENILE PRISONS TOO
AS THE WARDENS OF THIS JUVENILE PRISON WE REALLY THANK YOU

IF THEY DIDN'T FIGHT THEY WERE BETTING FOR DINNERS


AH RIKISHI
MOVE... I WANT TO TRAIN TOO



BUKK-
BUKK
BUAKK
SOUNDS LIKE IT WENT THROUGH THE SAND BAG
HAHH..? SOUNDS DIFFERENT
DUHAK
DUHAK
BUT ...
YES.. IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN
THERE WON'T BE THAT LUCKY COUNTER ANYMORE
IN THE CELL TOURNAMENT, I'M SURE YOU WILL BEAT UP JOE EASILY
HEHE
HIKISHI

YOU REALLY HATED HIM BEFORE...
THAT MEANS... YOU DON'T HATE JOE ANYMORE..?
HAH ?
OR ANY HATRED, SO THIS IS NOT A FIGHT ANYMORE
ANY VENGEANCE
THERE WON'T BE .
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
BUKK
THIS TIME I WILL BOX LIKE I USED TO
NOT AT ALL !
IN THE RING IT'S NOT A FIGHT
YOU GUYS DON'T KNOW ANYTHING
IT'S BECAUSE I'VE STAYED HERE TOO LONG
IN THAT MATCH I FELT LIKE FIGHTING... I FORGOT THE IMPORTANT THINGS
BOXING IS AN ART
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS HIGH CLASS TECHNIQUES... IT'S NOT ABOUT FEELINGS ANYMORE
HE HE
BECOME A BEAUTIFUL BOXING MACHINE
KNOCK DOWN YOUR OPPONENT
IN ONE SECOND
AND COOL HEAD
A SENSIBLE WAY
WITH ...
THAT'S WHAT BOXING IS

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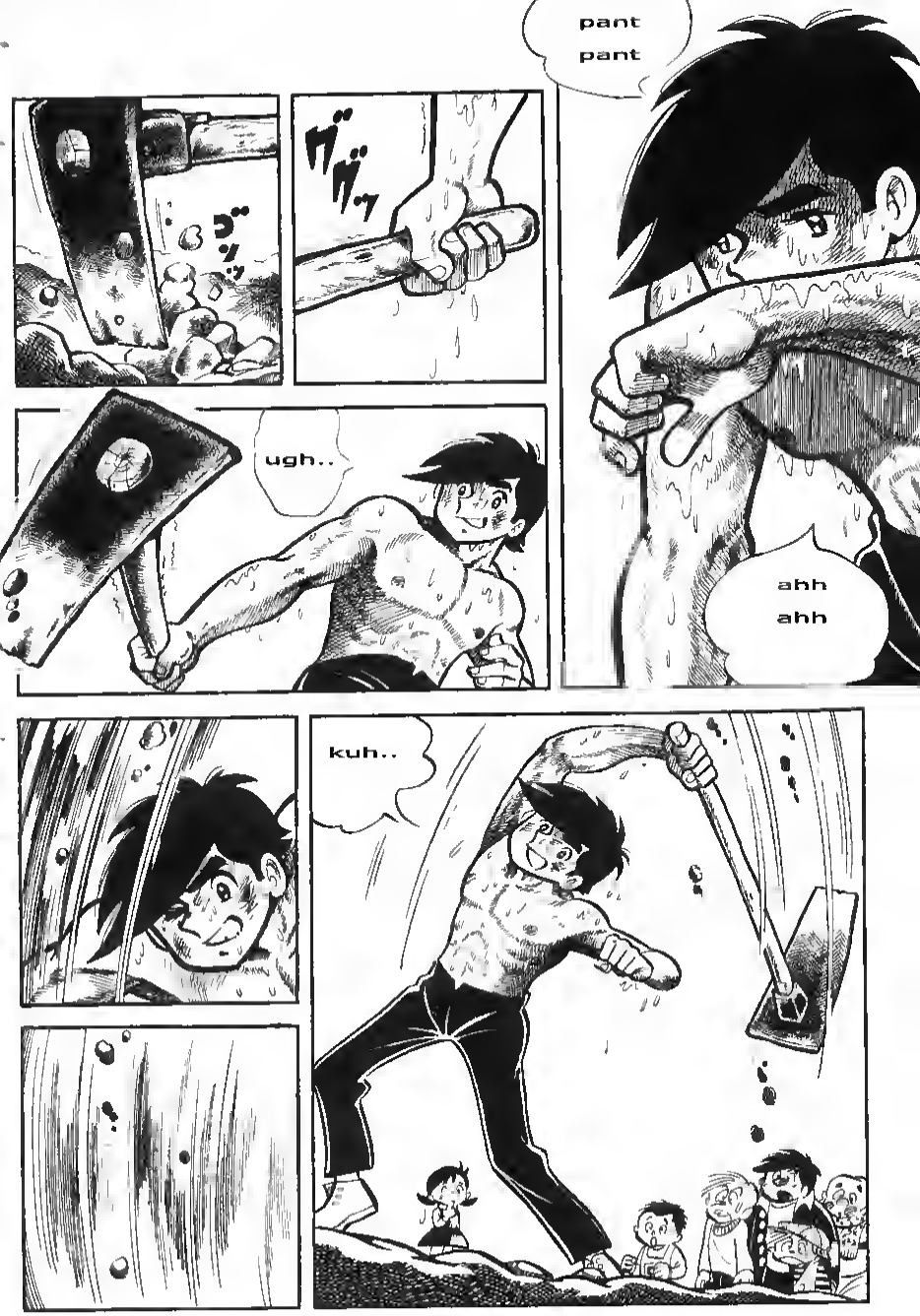
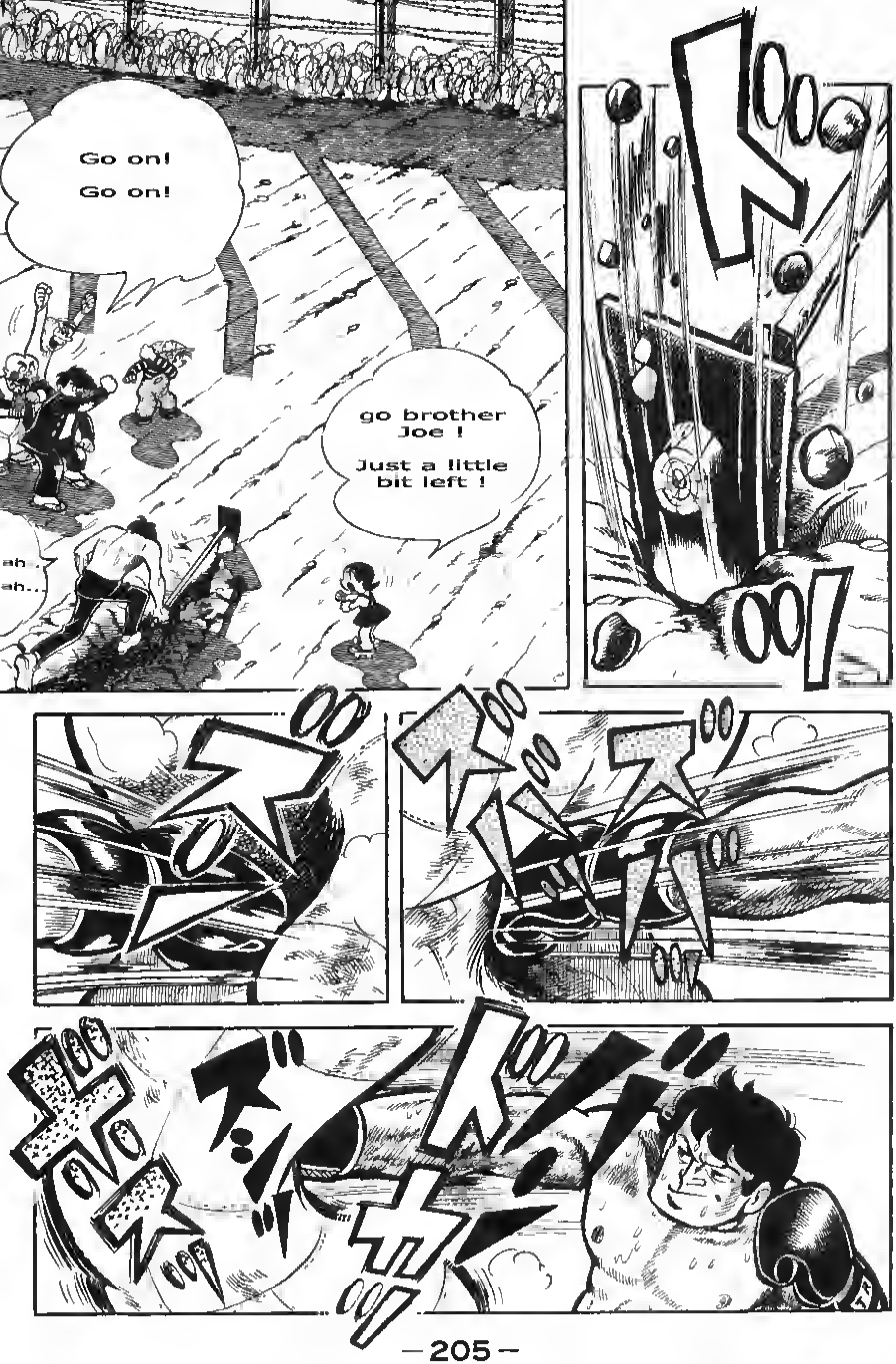
FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART
BURNING ALREADY
MY SPIRIT IS ...
THIS FIGHTING SPIRIT OF MINE IS NOT THE SAME AS WHEN JOE AND I CROSSED OUR GLOVES IN THE RING
THIS TIME MY SPIRIT WILL BE DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE
BUT ...
THERE WILL BE ANOTHER TRAGEDY ON SUNDAY
SCARY
WHUT
HIH~
FINALLY... I REALLY MUST TEACH YOU FOR TOMORROW LESSON 5 BUT THIS TIME THE LESSON WILL BE REALLY HARD AND RUTHLESS. I HOPE YOU WON'T CRY JOE...


pant
pant
ugh..
ahh
ahh
kuh..


Go on!
Go on!
go brother Joe !
Just a little bit left !

I've never seen Riklishi go in with so much power!
Unbelievable.. What power!
ドドドド
バババ
Ha!
Huh!
ugh
ugh
eh... won't that thing break??
uhh
uhh
ドドドド
What's that, Aoyama-san?
What's it with this guy?
Oh!
Ha!
Yahoo!
HEY!

what're you talking about?
Can't you lend me boxing gloves?
Can't I hit the Sandbag?
So, what do you want to do?
Just seeing Rikiishi's intensity in training has made me excited!
I can't just stay here!
ふむ
Uhh...
Anyhow, even though no one asked me to be their opponent,there's no problem.
I'll just practice by myself
Well...
Too bad, isn't it?
Atchoo!!
hmm. a tree about as high as my arm...
I wanted to take of my coat
Just a small mistake
Now!
This one should do it.
as tall as my arm

aahh!
Stop it! Stop it you weakling!
You shouldn't get so excited just because you won one match by pure luck!
hahaha!
hehehe!
We've got no equip-ment
Training...?
You won't get stronger just by seeing the others train.
The matches we'll have between the inmates will be serious!
If you have so much time to laugh at Aoyama shouldn't you be training?
Lie down with your face up
what... what can we do with these?
For your equip ment, you can take these pumpkins.
And the ring is overcrowded with those fights!
All the sandbags are occu-pied,

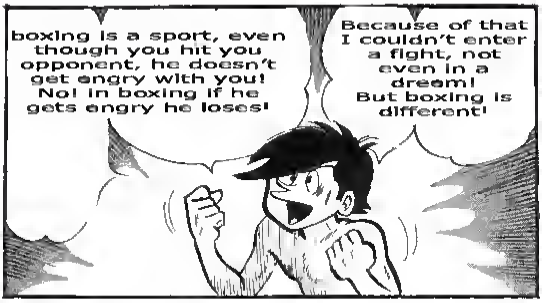
Put all your strength on your stomach!
shhh... He is going to use a pumpkin for training
what? what? what is he gonna do?
Well... this should be done with a special ball called "Medicine ball" but this will do it
ドサッ
Training in order to strengthen your body so that it's OK if you get hit.
the principle is just like the bullying attack "parachute butai" *
ギャー
fuu...
If you start crying because of that, in a match you'll get KO'ed real quick

* Joe received this attack when he was in the rehab center

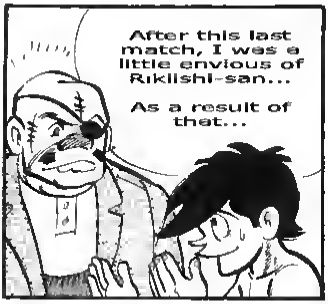
Huh!
Ha!
ドドドド
hah!
haa!
ha!
hah!
haa!

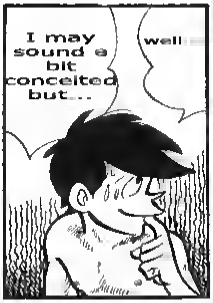
What if I give this fierce fever...?
That enthusi-asm
You're burning, Rikiishi!..
Ha!
Huh!
Ha!
Huh!
Ha!
Huh!
I'll show you how to do it, so that you can try yourselves.
It isn't just about hitting the sandbag. A boxer also needs to forge a flexible body and legs that work like springs.
Hey!! Gentlemen!! Come here and watch Rikiishi's style of training
aaah! It hurts!
ouch!
Don't raise your butt so high! Mantain a horizontal position.
AAWW!
OOWW!
EEWW!
It ain't so much fun, this type of training.

Hahi!
Hahi!
Hohi!
Hehi!
Hey! Aoyama san
Hyohon!
Hahi!
huh...
I like it very much!
y... Yes!
So, you like boxing that much?
what is it?
y... yes
View of life...
well... since i saw Yabuki-san and Rikiishi-san's fight, and heard what they said,my view of life has changed...
hmm... so you like it very much...

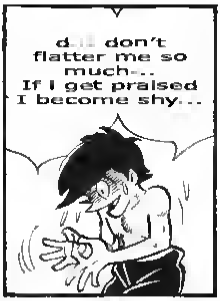

boxing is a sport, even though you hit you opponent, he doesn't get angry with you! No! In boxing if he gets angry he loses!
Because of that I couldn't enter a fight, not even in a dream! But boxing is different!

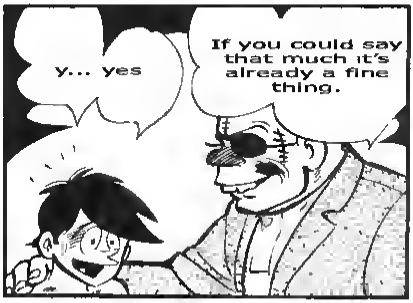
I... I've got no strength, and I'm a big coward, so if my opponent gets angry I can't do anything
I just lose..

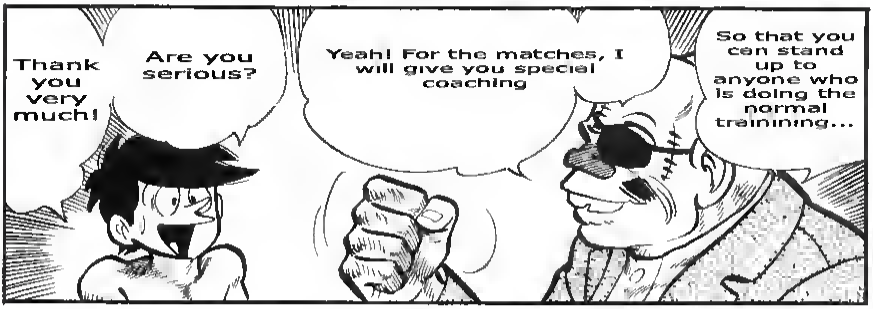

After this last match, I wes a little envious of Rikiishi-san...
As a result of that...


I may sound a bit conceited but...
well

but... as you weren't blessed with the strength you admire...


d don't flatter me so much... If I get praised I become shy...


y... yes
If you could say that much it's already a fine thing.


Thank you very much!
Are you serious?
Yeah! For the matches, I will give you special coaching
So that you can stand up to anyone who is doing the normal traininning...

haa...
haa...
haa...
haa...
You did it!
You did it!
Banzai!!
The promise he made with gramps! He reached the barbed wire!
You're tired aren't you, brother Joe?
look.. all with just one hand
I got here... I did it old man.
I'll go and call him.
He left brother Joe all alone.
Now, where is that old man?
What !?
Gramps is desperately coaching that weakling Aoyama. No matter how much I said about Joe he didn't say a word!
Big problem ! Big problem !

He even didn't apologise
Joe did his part in the promise he made! He hoed until the fence using only one hand! And after that gramps doesn't want to see him.
let me pass!
Brother Joe's Hand...
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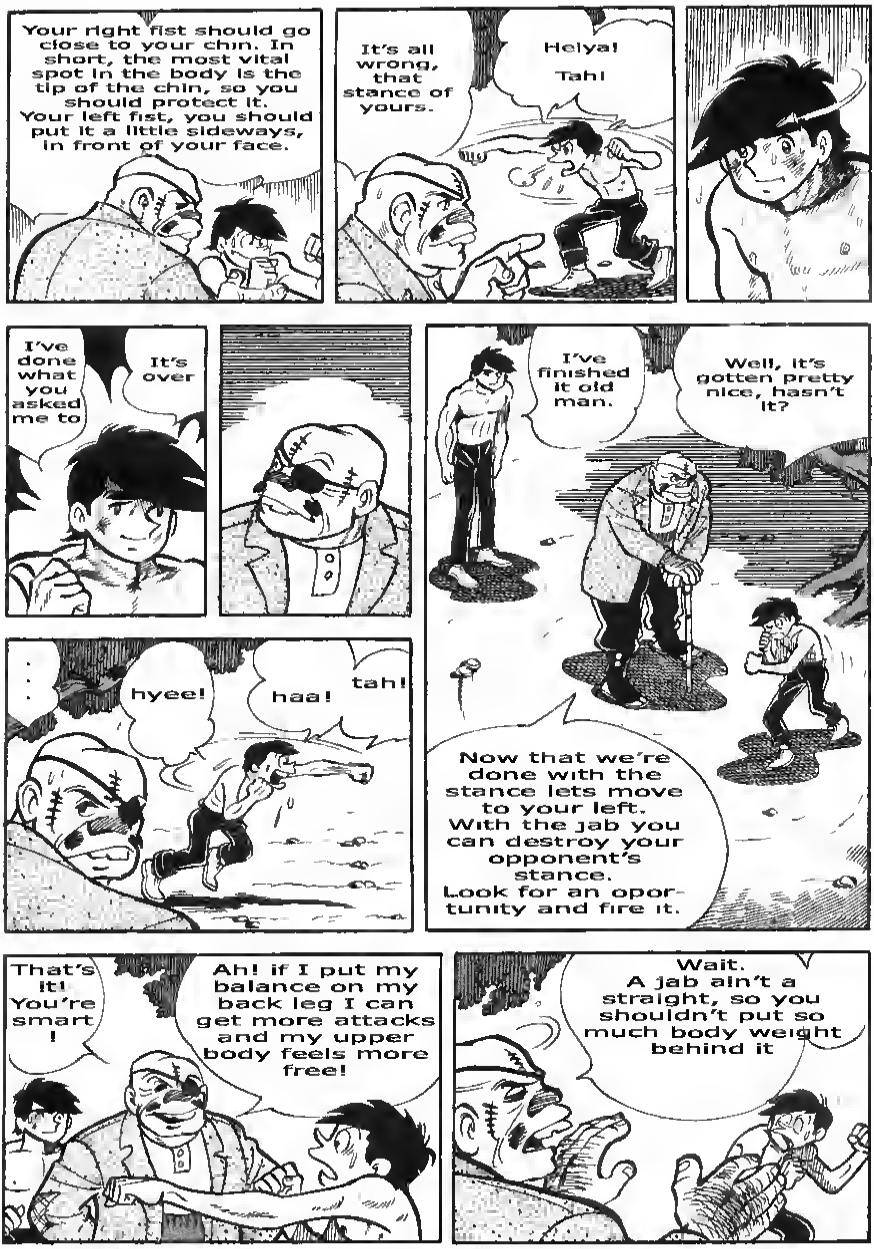
Bl... Blood!

What happened? You ain't looking very well
Hey!


Your right fist should go close to your chin. In short, the most vital spot in the body is the tip of the chin, so you should protect it. Your left fist, you should put it a little sideways, in front of your face.
It's all wrong, that stance of yours.
Helya!
Tah!
I've done what you asked me to
It's over
I've finished it old man.
Well, it's gotten pretty nice, hasn't it?
Now that we're done with the stance lets move to your left. With the jab you can destroy your opponent's stance. Look for an opportunity and fire it.
. . .
hyee!
haa!
tah!
That's it! You're smart!
Ah! if I put my balance on my back leg I can get more attacks and my upper body feels more free!
Wait. A jab ain't a straight, so you shouldn't put so much body weight behind it

I am starting to look bad!
Look that way, Rikiishi is burning! He's becoming a demon!
Old man! stop irritating people! Act propperly! the match is getting close and we've got no time to waste!
If you master the instructions I'll give you, there's no need to be afraid of him.
Is.. Is this OK? Yabuki-san is scowling at me.
Stop with the noise Joe! Now I have my hands full being Aoyama's coach!
aahhh
Aoyama-kun, let's go somewhere other people can't see us
I've got some secret instructions to give you
b.. but
Wh.. what's the reason for that!?
Wh.. What happened? That old man's attitude

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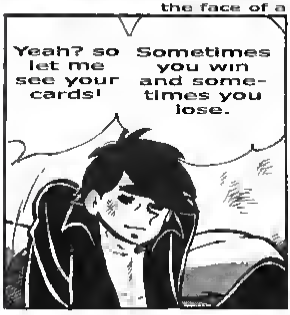
ドドドド
Now everyday's like this...
Rain pouring down all day...

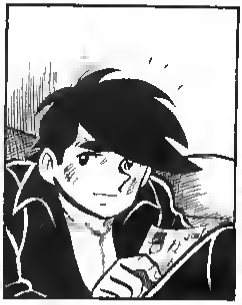
*Tsurusanhamarumarumushi, if writen with japanese Hiragana characters, forms the face of a man, which the boy is drawing on the wall

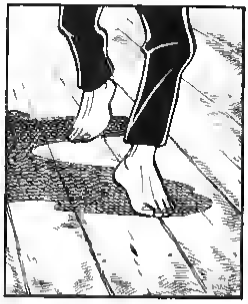


Tell us! Was he cheating or nor?
So, was he cheating?
I will check them against the sunlight!
You can check them
hmm...
If I am cheating you guys can cut off my head!
Be patient, I'm looking at them now.
You guys are too noisy! You can't stay silent for a minute!
Don't you guys feel ahamed for doing that?
You make such a fuss for something like 5 persons' dinner!

"For the sake of tomorrow - lesson 1" (Jab)
To create and opportunity, or to stop an opponent's attack, use a light punch from your left. Try to keep your elbow under your left side and hit you opponent's body. If you fire three jabs folowed by a right straight the power will grow threefold.

"For the sake of tomorrow -lesson 2" (Right straight)
After creating an opening one your opponent's guard with the left jab, fire a right straight, which is one of boxing's basic attacks. The right straight caries all of your body weight, and it shoots straight at the target. If you pull back the punch the same speed and course you fired it, the right straight becomes a one-hit KO weapon

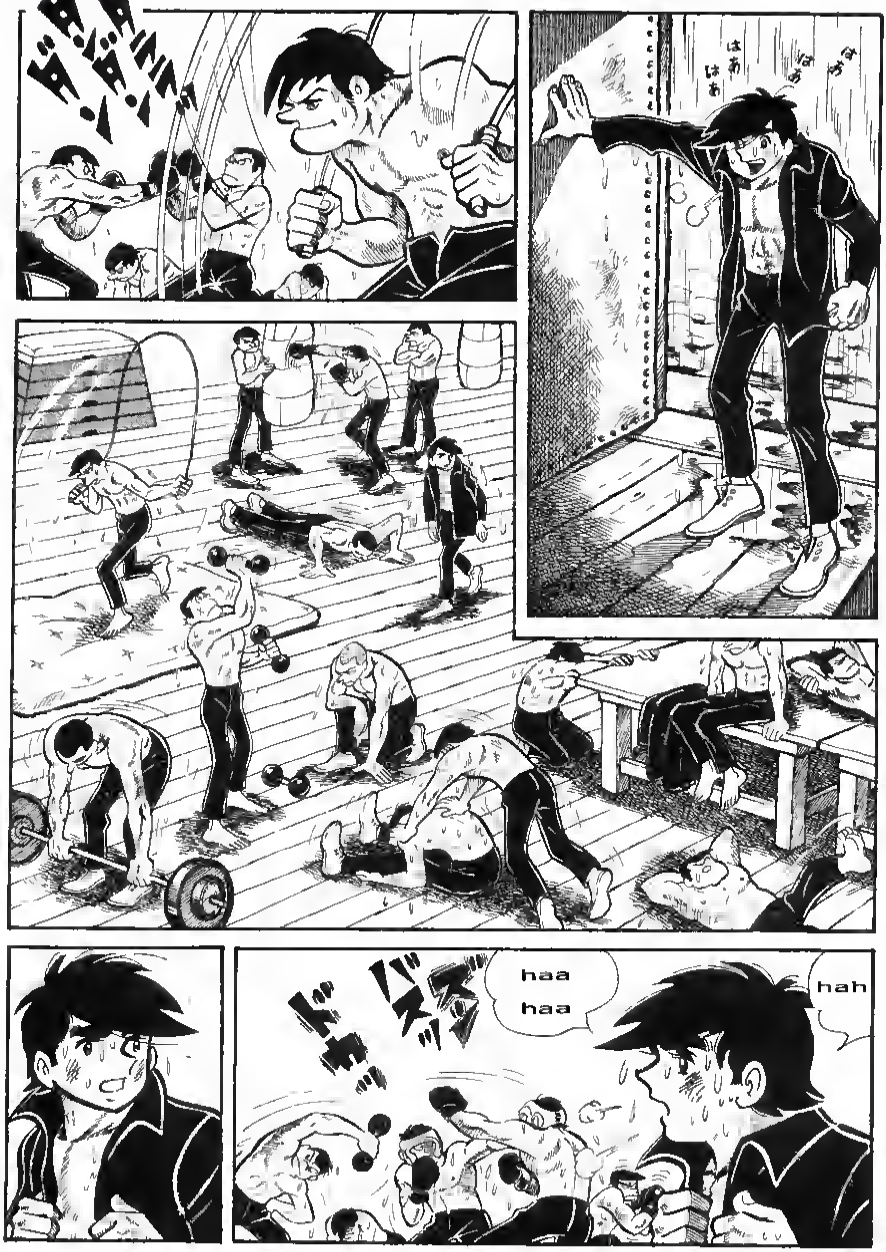




All the other fighters are training under any weather. Rikiishi-san, Nishi, even that weak boy Aoyama
You, you want to fight the ranked six contender, don't you?
Noisy! Disapear! go back to where you were
Yeah, Aoyama is training under a one-eyed man.
Aoyama...
huh
He's been there with Aoyama since dawn today.
You didn't know?
One-eyed, is it? That old man Danpei is coming here?
Special training he says...
It's a truly pleasant scene.
They are practicing at the gym
I don't know where that weakling got so much energy, though. He's got some passion.
...

Aren't you gonna train?
So what?
Wait!
Wh... What?
You! Are you making fun of me?
It's just a joke!
If you continue like this you'll be defeated easily by Riklishi-san, and even by that weakling Aoyama
Don't expect to get away unpunished
If you say something like that
awawa!
So stop Joking!
aaa!
aaa!

hiii...
hii...
They are pissing me off!
I don't have do look at your damn faces!
So he's pissed off
hihi hihi
He's hysteric


haa
haa
hah

ugh
....
Yes!
That's it.
Keep your heels off the ground. Your footwork has become something impressive.
how rude
Isn't it Yabuki?
Keep your body light!
....
If you stand there doing nothing you are nothing more than a hindrance. If you aren't gonna train just go back and sleep.

Why didn't you tell me you were coming
Old man!
Raise your chin! Your chin! You have to keep your eyes up when you look at you opponent
What's happening? Why are you avoiding me?
Hey!
Now! Weaving from side to side!
y... yes
Hey! Hey! continue your training. How many days you think are left untill the matches between inmates?
I'm throwing away my pride and lowering my head!
ol... old man!
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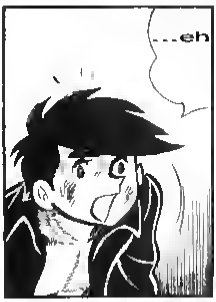
Could you train me too? I am in love with boxing...
and the next time I fight Rikiishi I want to win at any cost!
I ask you!
Please!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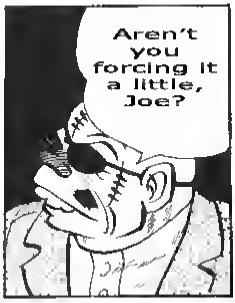
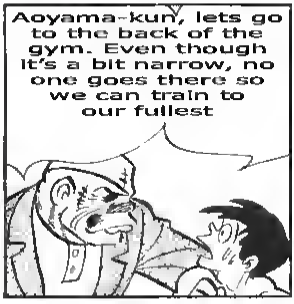
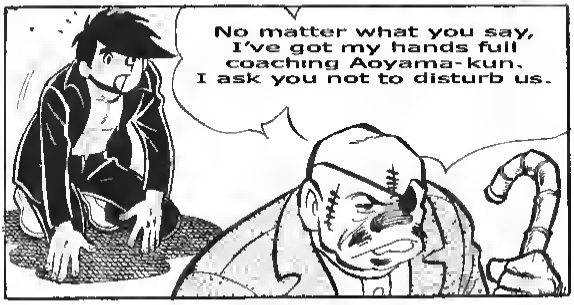
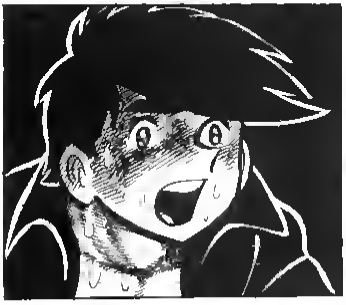
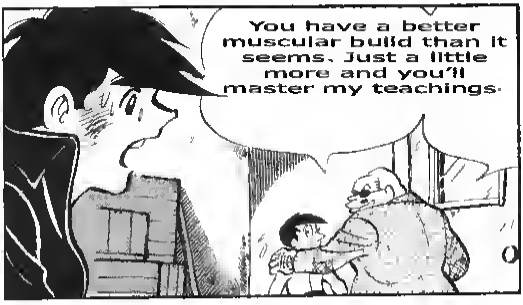
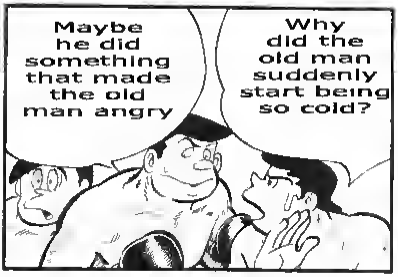

Aren't you forcing it a little, Joe?


Aoyama-kun, lets go to the back of the gym. Even though it's a bit narrow, no one goes there so we can train to our fullest


No matter what you say, I've got my hands full coaching Aoyama-kun. I ask you not to disturb us.




You have a better muscular build than it seems. Just a little more and you'll master my teachings.


Maybe he did something that made the old man angry
Why did the old man suddenly start being so cold?

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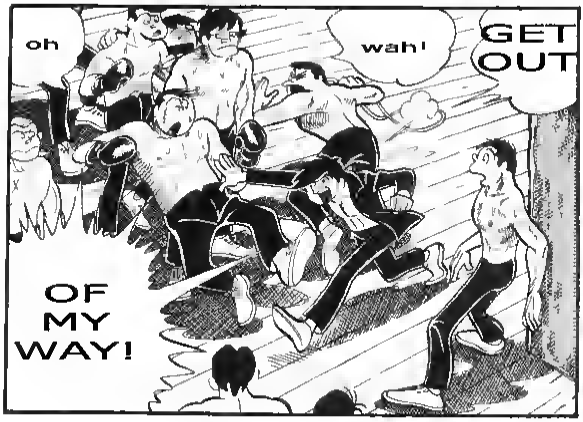
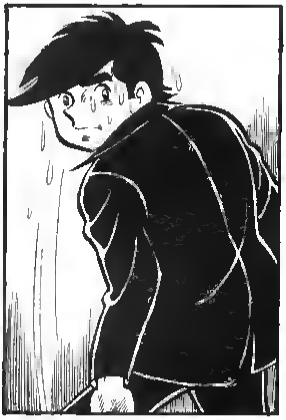
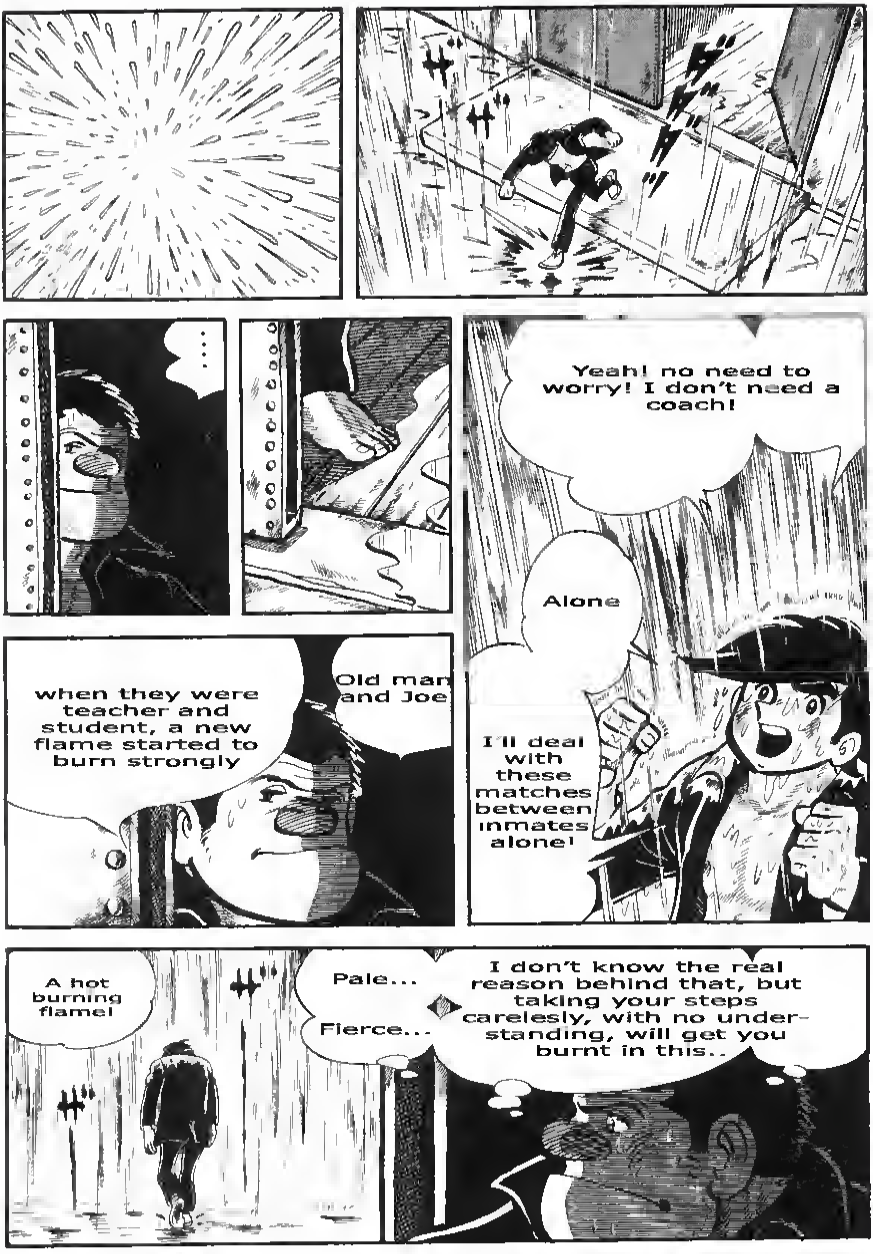
A helpless stray dog looking at it's master


oh
wah!
GET OUT
OF MY WAY!




Yeah! no need to worry! I don't need a coach!
Alone
I'll deal with these matches between inmates alone!
Old man and Joe
when they were teacher and student, a new flame started to burn strongly
A hot burning flame!
Pale...
Fierce...
I don't know the real reason behind that, but taking your steps carelesly, with no under-standing, will get you burnt in this..

something no one could've imagined happened
On block number 7, next to Joe's block number 6
some days later . . .
Someone call a doctor from the medical office!!
it's... It's too bad! that Numata
someone
Stop this babling and call a doctor!
It was no fight!
I bet it was another fight
did something happen?
what!?
Did you hear? The representative from block 7 in the matches between inmates, Numata, has been severly injuried!
Do you know who was the opponent?

Definetely not a pleasant scene.
This is awful...
W... who did this?
Aoyama Wh..
what!
The weakling, Aoyama?
Aoyama san
The answer to that question is over there.
so I put on my gloves and did what Danpei-sensei taught me. It turned out like this.
I really wanted to become a contender, so I applied for it. Numata-san wanted to decide it on strenght,
We did a match to chose the block's represen-tative
It was no fight.
What can I do now...
When I came back to myself, Numata-san was covered in blood and lying on the floor.

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